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# Editorial

When we hear about the presence of anabolic steroids among teenagers, we automatically think of male athletes. We blame Major League Baseball players such as Mark McGuire, Jose Canseco and Jason Giambi for using steroids to enhance their performance on the field.

But teenage athletes aren't the only ones using steroids, teenage girls are also using the drugs. According to a recent survey conducted by the University of Michigan, girls as young as nine years old are using steroids to look like their favorite actress or model.

The survey reported that teenage girls are using anabolic steroids to control their weight and to get a toned look. It is disturbing to think that nine-year-old girls are pressured in to believing that beauty is based on the look of the physical body.

Some researchers urge parents to teach their children about steroids and supplements as early as third grade. But what are children to do if their parents are the ones supplying them with the drugs?

It is quite obvious that there are many girls on this campus that think they look fat when in fact they are 5-foot-7 and weigh 120 lbs. But to blame the women who fit in that category at SU would be erroneous. The blame, however, should be put on Hollywood and its ideals regarding the perfect woman. More and more people are looking for slimmer mates.

For women the pressure is even bigger as they feel that they have to be slim to be attractive. This is where society collapses on itself.

Too often you see couples on campus that fit clichés. You rarely see the punk with the preppy, the rich with the poor, the thin affluent girl with the fat dorky guy. We've become superficial individuals who care more about our image on campus than our internal well-being.

It is this growing trend that is influencing the young minds of tomorrow's generation. Instead of looking for that perfect weight-size ratio, women and men alike should be looking to expand and develop thier intellectual and personal attributes. Instead of molding into the stereotypical look, like so many of us tend to lean towards, we should be setting an example for future generations.

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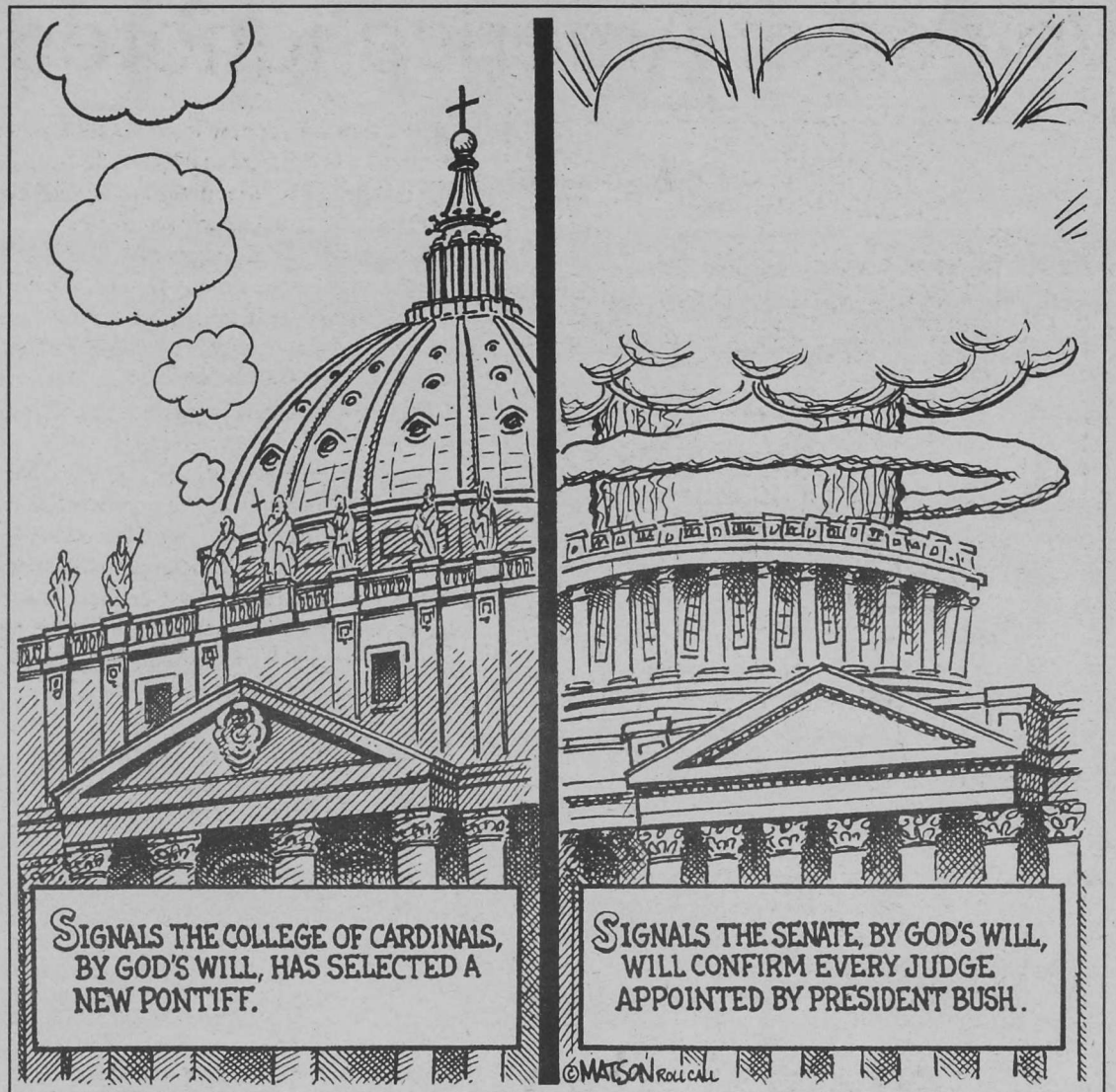
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## FILI'S NEEDED FOR GOOD DEBATE

**Nick Lollini**  
Copy Editor

In the formation of the government of the United States, a system of checks and balances was deliberately installed to insure that no one group, party or individual could become so powerful that they single-handedly had the ability to manipulate the other branches of government.

Recently, the Republican Party - which currently controls both Congress and the White House - has made it evident that they are looking for a way to expand their power, and their base of influence into the judicial branch. Arguably the most important aspect of President Bush's second term will be his judicial appointments, as multiple seats on the United States Supreme Court are expected to open up.

With these potential vacancies on the Supreme Court, in addition to the other already vacant seats on lower federal courts, President Bush and the Republican Party have the opportunity to ensure that their political agenda and their ideologies are applied to the courts for years to come.

The problem that has manifested itself as a result of the opportunity to appoint high level federal justices lies in the fact that the Republican party has taken a radical, extremist, neo-conservative turn in the past few years. For many people, particularly the 49 million people who voted against President Bush last November, the prospect of expanding conservative influence in the courts is a horrifying prospect.

Democratic Senators - who have become increasingly opposed to President Bush's nominations mostly because of the radical and extremist nature of most of the nominees - have threatened to use the filibuster in an attempt to block

the nominees whom the Democrats consider extremists.

The filibuster is a technique used by the minority in an attempt to curtail the power and influence of the majority. Through the use of the filibuster, the period of debate and discussion of judicial appointments and legislative matters is extended indefinitely; as a result the opportunity to vote never presents itself. The only way to break a filibuster is to obtain a 3/5 majority in favor of proceeding to a vote.

Currently, Republicans are missing five votes which are necessary to break the filibuster. In retaliation to the Democrats threats to filibuster nominees, the Republicans have threatened to implement the "Nuclear Option," a move which would rewrite the rules and procedures of the Senate, so that a simple majority of 51 is all that is needed to break a filibuster. If Republicans use the "Nuclear Option," Democrats threaten to halt all proceedings in the Senate.

Republicans in Congress have made several assertions about the legality of the use of the filibuster when dealing with Federal Court nominations. Senate majority leader Bill Frist argues, "After much debate and compromise, the Framers concluded that the President should have the power to appoint. And the Senate should confirm or reject appointments by a simple majority vote. This is 'advice and consent.'"

While it is true that the President does have the power to appoint Justices to the Courts; the Senate has no obligation to give a yes or no vote on the nominees. By not voting on appointments made by the President, the Senate does not give its consent and thus does not approve of the Presidents nominations. In addition - with regard to the "advice and consent" - It is the

Presidents job to appoint justices to the courts, but he needs to be able to defend and justify his decision - this is not happening. The Senate cannot blindly accept the Presidents appointments, especially considering that these nominees will be interpreting United States law for years to come.

It has also been argued that the use of the filibuster when dealing with judicial nominations is "unacceptable." This is also not the case; judicial nominations are a very serious matter, and a matter that deserves the utmost scrutiny. In addition to halting the voting procedure, the filibuster allows for in-depth debate and discussion to take place.

Republicans need to realize that if the rules of the Senate are rewritten to abolish the filibuster, they will not only be acting in an irresponsible manner, but they will also do themselves a great disservice in the end. Republicans must realize that they will not forever be in the majority, and if they rewrite the rules now so that the majority is given infinite power, they will regret it down the road.

If the Republican Senators and President Bush have any desire to be successful with their bid to install federal court justices, they will have to stop nominating controversial judges. If Republicans want any kind of support from Democrats they will need to nominate individuals who are qualified for their positions and who are moderate in their views and interpretations. Senate Republicans need to realize that the "Nuclear Option" is really not an option at all.

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# Voices of America ignored by dirty politicians



**Molly Layman**  
*Staff Columnist*

Ah, sweet, sweet fascism. Hardly; fascism is clearly not analogous to all images conjured up by the word sweet. Why then are senators proposing to adopt policies supporting the former, rather than the latter?

Senate Majority leader Bill Frist has recently proposed,

with widespread support from senate Republicans to strip the minority of the right to filibuster judicial nominees. This is not an attempt to smooth the appointment process; it is an outrageous exercise of partisan politics.

Of the hundreds of judges that Bush has proposed only 10 have caused alarm among Democratic senators - only 10 nominees have been blocked. This hardly seems a persuasive testament to the necessity of avoiding the slowing "inconveniences" of filibusters by eliminating them all together.

Consider a current nomination Democrats are refusing to approve: Priscilla Owen of Texas.

During her term on the Texas Supreme Court, her decisions tended to fall in favor of the corporations that contributed heavily to her campaign, like Enron and Dow Chemical. Not only is this blatant judicial partiality, but it also puts the public's health at risk. Dow Chemical is a known polluter who often pursues practices exploiting the poverty-stricken since they are unable to afford defense against said practices. This appointment would clearly be a crime against social justice.

Of some concern is the current trend in Congress to skew issues in order to appeal towards the support of the religious right. Senators have been taking the issue of judicial filibusters to the church. It is now being argued that the filibusters are being exercised merely because many of the nominees are people of faith or "moral conviction." This, however, is not the case.

Take for example, former Pennsylvania Attorney General Mike Fisher, who publicly declares "the important role that

God and Jesus Christ have played in my life," and also fought state funding for contraceptive services. The filibusters are not merely against those who hold beliefs most similar to the current president - they are against the most radical of Bush's nominations.

The purpose of the courts is to provide a level playing field for all concerned, especially the voiceless millions often ignored due to a lack of economic prestige. If, however, this last supposed oasis of impartiality is to be so transparently tossed aside, what are the implications for the future?

The rights that we are supposedly guaranteed by the constitution are facing a deadly nemesis. With the adoption of radical courts - the widespread oppression of the poor by the rich, powerful elite will become an unavoidable reality; the rights guaranteed equally to all walks of life will quickly be disregarded, replaced by those laws that favor the affluent.

It would be too simplistic to say that the current judicial system is a perfectly impartial, the case of Mike Fisher clearly argues against this, but to eliminate any possibility of avoiding the appointment of radical judges favoring those in current power is to sentence the American public to a life of servitude. Politics or positions of power dominated by the doctrine currently held by the executive power ignore the plurality of voices in America - thereby ignoring the very foundations of a democracy.

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# Congress shouldn't waste time with steroids

**Austin Burton**  
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With the recent news of "Monday Night Football" moving from ABC to ESPN, I hope you didn't miss the National Football League's "other" network debut: The NFL on C-SPAN.

Yesterday, the head honchos of the NFL went before Congress to talk about the League's steroid policy. The hearing comes weeks after Major League Baseball got the congressional third-degree and not far removed from the 2004 Summer Olympics, which were almost overshadowed by steroid busts.

The U.S. government is wasting time by concerning itself with steroids in sports, time that could be spent on more prevalent issues that the country faces.

By running around trying to find out which millionaire ballplayers are using performance-enhancing drugs and which aren't,

the government comes off as a bunch of camera-whores.

Why does the government all of a sudden care about steroids now? In fact, until baseball got involved, the government didn't seem all that bothered with performance-enhancing drugs. Steroids in professional football have been an issue since at least the 1970s, and the NFL regulated itself. While steroid abuse has never been a major problem in basketball or hockey, doping controversies in track and field come around more often than in any sport.

But now that baseball, America's pastime - supposedly - has been tarnished by 'roids, Congress wants something done. Why?

They say they are trying to save lives, but no one seemed to care when bodybuilders and professional wrestlers are dying left and right from steroid abuse. They say they want to stop kids from abusing, but high school football players have assuredly been using steroids well before teenage baseball players were.

The real motivation seems to be that baseball's steroid saga is getting way more media attention than other sports, and the U.S. government has been drawn to the camera lights like bugs in the middle of the night.

It is so hard to define a performance-enhancing drug, which makes the whole thing pointless. If supplements like androstenedione are not okay, why are supplements like creatine acceptable? Why hasn't every GNC store been raided by the FBI and shut down? Do they not sell performance enhancers?

Why are athletes allowed to take painkillers and cortizone shots to numb their aches, but other recovery-driven performance enhancers have been deemed illegal? On a lower level, aren't simple, everyday items like soda, coffee, ginseng and vitamins all performance enhancers? Where should the line be drawn, and why should it be drawn at all?

If someone wants to take performance enhancers, that should be their choice. If that

drug is illegal, then let it be a police matter, not a league or congressional matter.

This isn't the '70s anymore. Every athlete who has reached an Olympic or professional level knows the risks backward-and-forward, so if they want to take that risk, let them. Those athletes risk injury or death just by playing the sport itself, but we don't step in and stop people from playing football or baseball or boxing or skiing, do we?

If Congress insists on wasting time grilling football and baseball officials about steroids in their sport, do your government a service and ask why that room isn't being used for something useful, like why inner-city public schools are so far behind suburban schools, or perhaps why unemployment and homelessness rates are so high. But those issues aren't camera-friendly, so they get ignored.

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## President of Young Democrats responds to ASSU criticism

**Dear Editor,**

This letter is in response to The Spectator's 4/21 "Letter to the Editor," authored by Mr. Zaher Hulays. For the sake of fairness and accuracy, I would like to submit my own opinion.

First, I would like to address Mr. Hulays' accusations regarding the election timeline. The decision to move ASSU elections earlier in the quarter was not made at the behest of any incumbent candidates for the sake of scheduling convenience, but at the encouragement of other officers and representatives. This change allows incoming officers more transition time, so that when fall rolls around we can "hit the ground running," as opposed to wasting our time - and yours - by learning as we go.

Mr. Hulays' assertion that the 2004-2005 ASSU leadership has done "NOTHING" to benefit the student body is groundless. Again, with a bit of research, he would have found that our ASSU officials, among many other initiatives, have spearheaded an effort to get bus passes built into our Campus Cards, and the prognosis looks good.

They have also already procured funds to facilitate the replacement of dilapidated desks in the Administration and Bannan buildings. As a car-less student with classes in both buildings, I certainly feel that they're doing SOMETHING for me.

With regards to his other claim that Bon Appetit has done nothing for SU students, I would like to invite him to our next Food Service Committee meeting, which is open to ALL students. The food service we get from Bon Appetit, while it isn't your mommy's cooking, is worlds better than students at other universities enjoy, and managers have been more than receptive to our concerns. In addition, ASSU held a widely-advertised, campus-wide forum for students to come and air their complaints to Bon Appetit. Even though every student was invited, only two showed up. Was Mr. Hulays one of them? This indicates either one of two things - either students are too apathetic to address concerns, or they are satisfied with Bon Appetit.

As for Mr. Hulays' perceived slights when it comes to ASSU funding, he missed his target. First of all, ASSU is not meant

to be a primary source of funds for clubs and organizations; it is meant to augment club fundraising as a "last resort" source. I would like to note that of all the organizations that applied for ASSU funding this year, 40% of all applicants got 100% of the money they requested. The other 80% got 90% of the money they requested. I believe that before he attacks ASSU for stinginess, Mr. Hulay should also remember that ASSU has been particularly generous to the ISC.

Mr. Hulays' anger over the fact that Joe Nguyen sent out an email regarding the Dannette Sullivan case seems very misdirected. That entire situation took place within the upper echelons of SU's administration, and our president took it upon himself to inform the student body about it. Personally, I would love to know what goes on behind closed doors, and I applaud Joe for his openness. That was a university issue affecting students, and as ASSU President, I would say that Joe had an obligation to keep us informed. Then again, I like to keep current with university events.

As for Mr. Hulays' attack on Joe Nguyen's Dino Rossi sign, I would like to thank

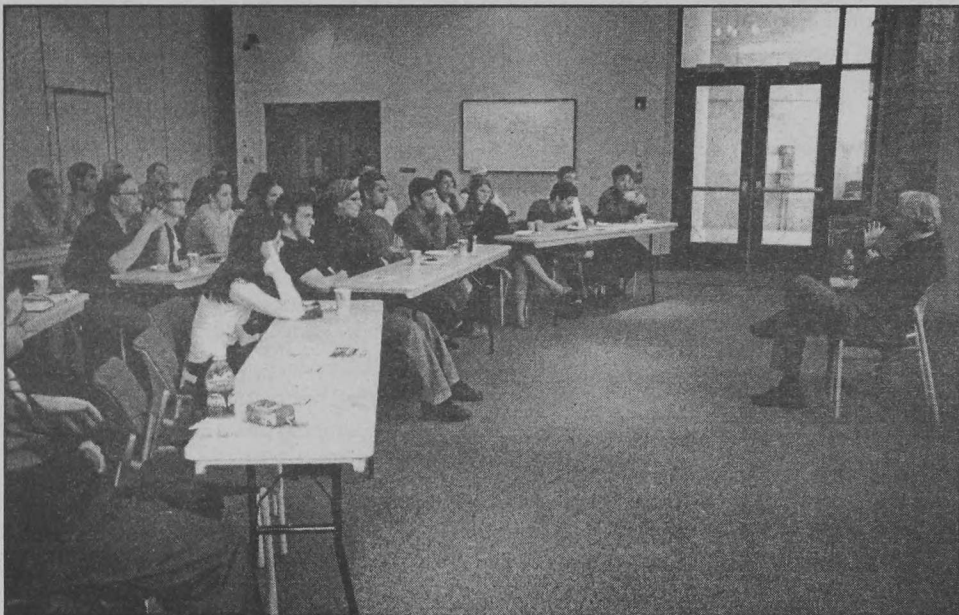
him for contributing to the very "political and cultural divide of this nation" that he decries. I believe that our university is committed to promoting diversity in all areas. Honestly - and this is coming from the President of Seattle University's Young Democrats - I could care less about Joe Nguyen's political persuasions. I only care about his commitment to SU students, and if you talk to someone who actually knows him, that goes unquestioned. Mr. Hulays, please consider: yes, this is a liberal campus, but everyone should embrace different schools of thought.

I would like to invite Mr. Hulays, and any SU student for that matter, to walk into the ASSU office and actually talk to our officers. Maybe he would walk away with a better understanding of what ASSU really does for our student body. At the very least, he should do some actual research before he airs his tired complaints.

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# Chomsky shares his views on Mid-East Conflict



Photos by Joey Anchondo

Noam Chomsky, world-famous academe and political activist, spoke to a group (left) of 40 about the United States' involvement in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Afterward, before catching a plane, he visited in the OMSA lounge (right) with the Students for Peace and Justice in Palestine-Israel – the club that sponsored the talk – and President Stephen Sundborg, SJ.

**Julian Hunt**  
Staff Writer

Only 40 SU students and faculty attended the question and answer session with Noam Chomsky, the renowned linguist whose controversial and highly polemic stance on US foreign policy infuriates some and motivates others to activism.

Chomsky, author of "The Fateful Triangle: The United States, Israel, and Palestine" and an MIT professor, came to Seattle to speak to a crowd of 1,000 at the University of Washington on foreign policy. However, the Students for Peace and Justice in Palestine-Israel were able to bring Chomsky to SU for a more intimate discussion.

He came to speak on the promise that the SU event would be small, as it was sandwiched between larger lectures he gave at UW and Gonzaga. Unlike his other talks, he didn't prepare a speech and sat informally at the front of the room answering questions.

The 40 participants were limited to members of interested clubs like the Coalition for Global Concern, Amnesty International, the Muslim Student Association, and other clubs; as well as a handful of administrators, ASSU officers and interested faculty and staff.

"A short-coming of the event was that there were only fans of Chomsky and no contradictory views," said Ben Murane, senior business and economics major, as well as a member of SPJPI.

Chomsky began by attacking Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's disengagement plan, which includes Israel's withdrawal from the Gaza Strip and four settlements in the West

Bank.

"Expansion of the West Bank settlements began the same day the plan [to withdraw] was announced. The Finance Minister also announced billions of dollars would go into the West Bank [for more settlements]," said Chomsky, hinting that Israel had no intention of following through with all parts of the plan.

What Israel and Palestine really need, according to Chomsky, "is a plan to normalize their relationship."

Since he was a young man, Chomsky was involved in the Zionist, or pro-Israeli homeland movement, but always favored a one-state solution in which a federal government would oversee a Palestinian and an Israeli territory.

Chomsky blamed U.S. policy for not allowing the formation of a one-state system, as well as allowing Israel's perceived mistreatment of Palestine.

"If the U.S. wants to do something, it does it. When the U.S. told Israel not to sell China U.S. military technology, Israel didn't. But when Israel expands into Palestinian territory, the U.S. gives only a slap on the wrist," Chomsky explained.

In one of his more controversial arguments, Chomsky said that the U.S. designed Israel to become the greatest military power in the Middle East as a sort of police force for its neighbors.

"You won't see such a thing in Africa, because there's nothing there we care about. But the Middle East has oil," Chomsky responded to a question about how the U.S. became so pro-Israel.

Among Chomsky's more curious opinions about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict was his belief that American intellectuals and the media, in conjunction with the government and large corporations, are largely at fault for the perception of U.S. policy in the Middle East.

Jeff Philpott, chair of the Communication Department, attended the event, and although he didn't make it clear whether he embraced similar views of the media, he did say that he applauds Chomsky for "challenging people to think about institutions."

Zaher Hulays, sophomore biology major and president of SPJPI, accompanied Chomsky to the airport, and had some time to converse with him one-on-one.

"One small discussion really stood out for me," began Hulays. "One of the issues activists dealing with political conflicts around the world have to work with is coping with the unrelenting stream of bad news of hundreds of people being killed, homes destroyed, and communities uprooted. [Chomsky] just shrugged his shoulders and said that this is absolutely the hardest part of the job and [you must] make sure the horrible news doesn't render you unable to work."

"He also told me that at the end of the day it is whether you can look yourself in the mirror knowing that you have done all you could," added Hulays.

Chomsky didn't stay entirely on the topic of Palestine and Israel, but also diverged into the assassination of Archbishop Romero, disobedience and behavioral problems and the oil crisis.

On President Bush's plan to staunch the rise of gas prices by digging for oil in the Arctic National Wildlife Preserve, Chomsky rebutted, "It makes no sense to dig for oil in Alaska as a way to be less dependent on foreign oil, because when the oil reserves are used up, we'll be more dependent on foreign oil than ever."

Bradley Scharf, professor of political science, wasn't able to attend the Chomsky question and answer, but gave his general impression.

"If he sometimes sounds radical, that's probably because the 'mid-point' of American values has moved so much toward the right," said Scharf. "I won't say that I endorse all of his viewpoints; he keeps adding new ones. But I am glad that he keeps writing."

Faizi Ghodsi, faculty advisor to SPJPI and director of the International Student Center, agreed with Chomsky's assertion that what is most needed is normalization of relations between the two peoples; he went further to say that "withdrawal from Gaza is not a final solution," in reference to Sharon's plan.

As for the SPJPI position on the conflict, Hulays said that his club doesn't necessarily support a one-state solution as Chomsky does, but "any solution that would provide Palestinians and Israelis with a peaceful existence with each other. That peace must provide both people with economic opportunities so that their societies can grow and people are able to put food on the table and afford health care."

At the end of his talk, Chomsky advised students to engage in political activism.

## Salon addresses healthcare imbalance among children, elderly

**Trisha Leonard**  
Editor-in-Chief

The U.S. spends 50 to 100 percent more on healthcare than most other developed countries, averaging out to each person spending about \$5,000 on healthcare each year.

Bradley Scharf, political science professor, suggested that Americans pay more for healthcare and get less because of the way the money is distributed. He presented his talk at a salon titled "Prolonging Death, Neglecting Children."

"There's a big gap between what we spend and what we get for it," he said.

Scharf cited six main reasons for the increase of healthcare costs; the first being that offices that hire their own administrative staff have to spend extra money on salaries. It's more expensive for physicians to open their own practices and have their own staff, in-

stead of just joining a different practice. More small businesses don't offer healthcare to their employees because it could eat up nearly 30 percent of their revenue.

Another factor, according to Scharf, is the growing emphasis on remedies. More money is spent trying to fix problems instead of trying to prevent them or detect them earlier. The sicker the patient, the more money the hospital and doctor make by prescribing more services for that person.

"Are these remedies and services necessary, or are they just to bring in more revenue?" asked Scharf.

On the pharmaceutical end, the cost of prescription medication is high because of the money spent on marketing.

According to Scharf, funds also go to paying for the access to technology. Since the equipment isn't used enough, the price per use increases.

"Hospitals that want to recruit the best doctors purchase the best technology in hopes of attracting them," said Scharf. "They get too much supply, and there's not enough of a demand for the equipment."

One of the larger factors is that physicians' incomes are nearly seven times the average income of anyone else in the U.S. In Europe, physicians' incomes are only four times the average. On top of that, the cost of malpractice insurance has risen for all doctors.

In the U.S., medical attention is being spent in a different area than it is in most other countries: on the elderly. Scharf suggests that, as a result, about one out of 12 children will die during the first year of birth in the U.S., whereas Japan has half that rate.

"The last two to three years of a person's life are the most expensive," said Scharf. "We're not comfortable with death."

According to Scharf, the U.S. healthcare

system does a better job at keeping old people alive than young people. Our healthcare is better with diseases, such as prostate cancer, that are more common among the elderly population.

In most other countries, there is more emphasis on young life. More money is directed toward prenatal care and child health.

"How much would it cost to extend an older person's life for one year?" asked Scharf. "And how much good would that same amount do for a 10-year-old who's sick?"

What can we do about this healthcare problem?

"In the U.S., we need to find different ways of allocating healthcare," said Scharf.

For such a wealthy country, we have a large population of people living in poverty.

"Poverty leads to poor health, and poor health leads to poverty," said Scharf. "We need to work on eliminating poverty."



# Students overwhelmed by rising cost of textbooks

**Meyling Siu-Miranda**  
Features Editor

Rising costs of college textbooks can be a real pocketbook wake-up call for students.

This year, the California Public Interest Research Group, a consumer advocacy group, conducted a survey of the five most widely purchased textbooks at 59 colleges and universities across the country. The group discovered that college textbooks prices have increased at nearly four times the rate of inflation for all finished goods since 1994.

"It's more expensive to supplement the materials we need to succeed with our education," 21-year-old Rowena Catalla, junior English literature major, said.

While scholarships, grants and loans may offer some help for tuition, students usually shoulder their textbook costs. At Seattle University, an undergraduate student spends on average \$1,350 per year on textbooks, while a graduate student spends \$900.

Several factors can influence the prices of textbooks. "Bundled" or shrink-wrapped college textbooks now come with additional instructional materials such as CD-ROMs, study guides and workbooks that have driven up prices. CALPIRG found that a bundled book is on average 10 percent more expensive than its unbundled counterpart. Increasingly, students do not have the option of buying their new textbooks à la carte, yet according to CALPIRG two-thirds of the faculty surveyed said that they used bundled items "rarely" or "never."

Catalla recalls not using the additional CD-ROM her Spanish textbook came with.

"My teacher suggested using it for extra practice, but she wasn't really going over it. I didn't find it beneficial. I preferred doing the exercises from the text," she said.

Producing frequent new textbook editions has also increased prices. New editions are introduced on the market every two years as reported by the Association of American Publishers. However, studies have shown that publishers often release new editions with very few content changes, making the less expensive used books obsolete and even unavailable. CALPIRG reported that of the five textbooks surveyed, new book prices jumped 12 percent on average between the previous and current edition.

Not only are the new editions more expen-

sive than the old ones, but textbook publishers charge American students more than students overseas for the same textbook. According to CALPIRG, the average textbook surveyed costs 20 percent more in the U.S. than it does in the U.K. Publishers argue that the lower prices are available overseas because they have sold these titles to wholesalers and retailers abroad at prices that are greatly reduced in competition to those available to U.S. college stores.

However, the biggest factor influencing the prices of textbooks is faculty book orders. Although buyback prices fluctuate throughout the year, they are always the highest at the end of an academic term when faculty has usually filed its orders.

At the SU bookstore, which is institutionally-owned, a student who sells his or her textbook at the end of the quarter would receive 50 percent of the initial price back, if, however,

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ROBERT SPENCER, MANAGER OF  
THE SU BOOKSTORE

a faculty order for that book has been placed. Without the book order, students can only receive the wholesale price – 10 percent of the original price – when they sell their books.

"Many, many times faculty orders would come in late. Before that order had been filed, students who sold back their books got little or nothing, while students after it got half price back. The single most important issue in textbook prices is faculty orders. If students want prices down, that's the number one issue they must work on," Robert Spencer, manager of the SU Bookstore, explained.

Faculty book orders not only affect prices, but also the availability of books. The sooner a book order is placed, the longer the SU Bookstore has to search and buy quality used books from sellers across the country.

To help students, last academic year ASSU sent out letters to faculty – at the beginning and end of each quarter – urging them to get their textbook orders on-time or earlier.

"There were a whole lot more orders that were on time," ASSU At-Large Representative Sean Adkins, senior English creative writing major, said of the faculty's response.

Adkins, who drafted the letter to faculty, explained that this year ASSU considered setting up on their official website classified ads for books.

"This would be something we could keep updated so that students would know what books they could buy. But we could have some problems with the bookstore," Adkins said.

To stretch their dollars, many students have opted not to buy their texts at the bookstore. Instead, many scan the bulletin boards for signs hoping someone is selling the book they need, buy books from a friend or go online.

Twenty-eight-year-old Tsai-En Cheng, a graduate student in the School of Teaching ESL, said she learned from early on not to buy her books at the bookstore.

"My first quarter, I bought a program evaluation book for \$110. But I returned it and bought it for \$79 online," Cheng explained.

"Most of my books, I buy them used and online. Even new books are much cheaper than at the bookstore. Usually, I can save over \$100 per quarter," she added.

Although bookstore websites have become very popular among students, only 12.14 percent of students report that they shop online according to the National Association of College Stores. This low turnout, researchers say, may be explained because buying online now and then has its disadvantages. For example, a buyer cannot be really sure of the quality of a book and his or her order may arrive late.

"Sometimes buying online is not really good because I have to wait for two weeks," Cheng said. "One time, I had to copy seven or nine chapters because we were reading them in the first two weeks and my books had not arrived."

For those students who prefer buying at the bookstore, Spencer recommends that they encourage their faculty to turn in their orders as soon as possible, and that they sell back their used books during finals week.

Only a third of all texts carried by the SU Bookstore are used books. Spencer pointed out that even though used books are 25 percent less expensive than new books "students have not quite figured out that their books are worth money."

## Cheaper books are possible!

### Here are some tips...

#### ... for students

1. Buy used, buy early. Used textbooks are in high demand by most students. The earlier you make your choices and purchase, the better the selection of used textbooks. Make sure to check the return policy in case you drop the class.

2. Shop around a little. You may find the prices are lower on websites and other stores, or maybe another student is selling that book.

3. When buying online, make sure that you have a reputable seller. Evaluate their feedback. Also consider shipping and handling fees, as well as how long it will take for your books to arrive.

4. Sell back your books at the end of each quarter. You have the best chance of getting the most money back on your books at that time.

#### ... for faculty

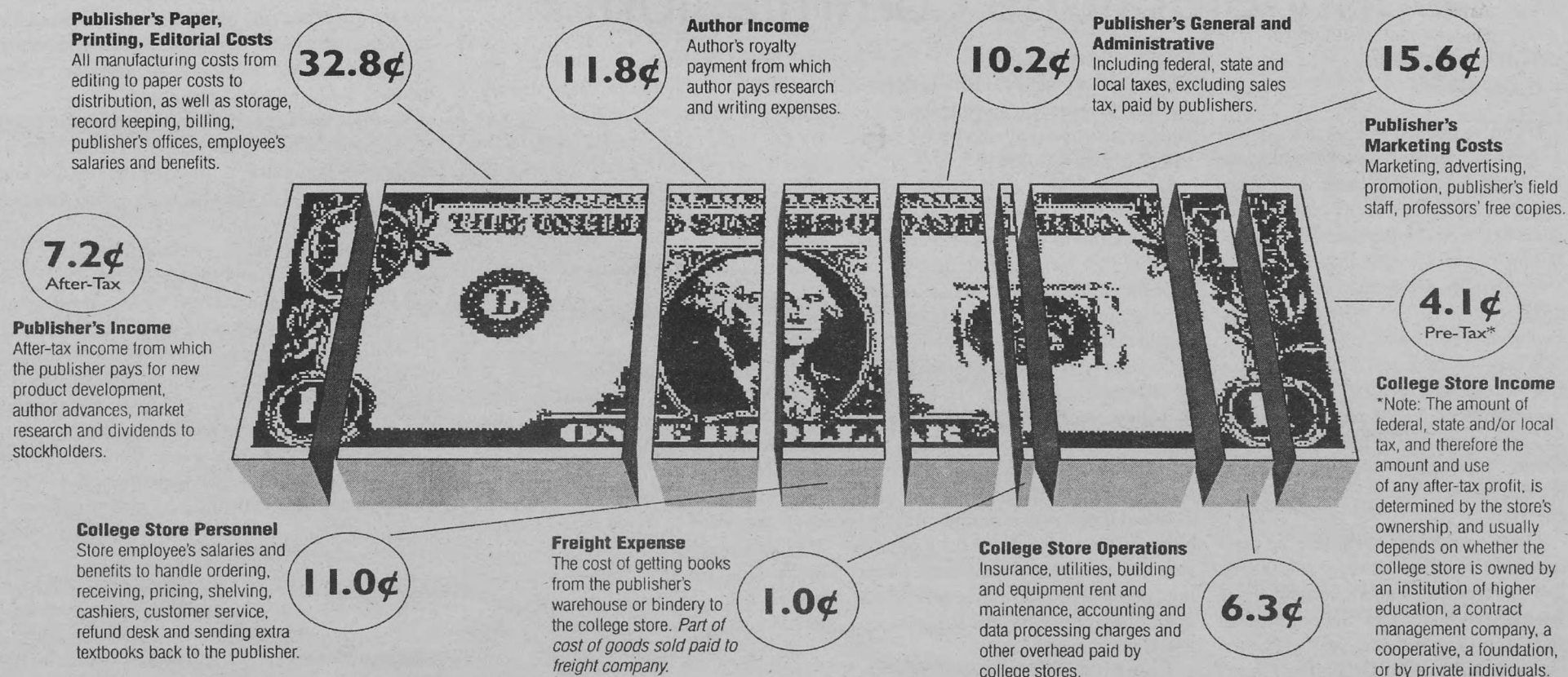
1. Order books early. This means that students will have more time to sell their books back and get a good price.

2. When ordering textbooks, give preference to least-cost options when the educational content is similar. Try to use your department's buying power to negotiate better deals.

3. If you believe the educational difference is negligible between the current and previous editions of a book, publicize to your classes and bookstore that students may use the older edition.

4. If your students are having trouble finding used books, suggest to them that they look online, shop at used bookstores or look around campus for signs. You may also send a group letter to your previous students encouraging them to sell their books.

## Where the New Textbook Dollar Goes\* ...



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# SU sparks controversy over honorary degree recipient

Megan Peter  
Staff Writer

Recently, Seattle University made national headlines for its decision to give an honorary degree to former governor of Washington Gary Locke.

The attack against this decision came from the Cardinal Newman Society, an organization that keeps tabs on Catholic universities across the nation.

"The mission of Cardinal Newman Society is to promote the renewal of Catholic identity in Catholic higher education. Where that identity is lacking, or where it is seriously undermined by public scandals – such as bestowing an award on a stridently pro-abortion public official without regard for the U.S. bishops' ban on such honors at Catholic institutions – we speak out," explained Patrick J. Reilly, president of the Cardinal Newman Society.

The Cardinal Newman Society sent

a press release to the Associated Press, where 48 different newspapers picked up the story, ranging from Florida to Indiana to California. Both The Seattle Times and the Seattle Post-Intelligencer ran the story.

"Locke is a steadfast enemy of defenseless pre-born children and all those who would protect their lives. What claim does Seattle University have to a Catholic identity if it holds up such a person for special honor, while brushing aside the bishops' clear expectations?" stated Reilly in the press release.

Reilly refers to a statement that the United States Conference of Bishops made in 2004 that declared, among other things, that the "Catholic community and Catholic institutions should not honor those who act in defiance of our fundamental moral principles. They should not be given awards, honors or platforms which would suggest support for their actions."

Dr. John Eshelman, the honorary degree committee chair, said that the committee did not discuss Locke's stance on abortion when they decided to give him the award, and he does not feel that the university is going against what the bishops have said.

"One of the things that we try to do with the Honorary Degree recipient is to, in some way or another, represent an example of something we'd like our students to learn from and follow. As an Asian American, Governor Locke had additional challenges to reach to be governor. We want to recognize that kind of over-coming the odds and because he did, the odds are now less for someone else," explained Eshelman.

While SU president Stephen Sundborg, SJ, is aware of Locke's position on abortion, it does not change the reasons why Seattle University is honoring Locke.

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## SU Jesuits respond to new pope

Lauren Padgett  
Staff writer

While white smoke drifted through the air last Tuesday from the Vatican, Seattle University Jesuits waited anxiously for the announcement of the 256th pope.

On Apr. 29, German Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger took the name Pope Benedict XVI. Ratzinger had been one of the closest men and advisors to Pope John Paul II, and led his funeral. He has a well-developed career with the Catholic Church, acting as Dean of the Cardinals, head of the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith and was instrumental in the Second Vatican council. He led the conclave that decided the next pope, and as a theologian has been a firm voice among members of the Catholic Church for many years.

"Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger took the name of Benedict XVI, partly to show that he wants to continue the work of Benedict XV, the pope during World War I, who was a great reconciler," said Fr. David Leigh, SJ. "I look for him to carry on the peace efforts, outreach to the world, social concern, deep theological vision and faith life of the previous pope. At 78, he will be a transitional pope, but one who will probably surprise us all."

While Ratzinger stood on the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome that day, many were wondering what kind of a pope this man will be. He is the first German to be elected pope since 1055. Growing up in Nazi Germany, Ratzinger participated in the Hitler Youth, but abandoned the German army well before the war was over, and cited his strong faith in God and his hatred of Hitler's Nazi Germany as the reason. He was taken to an Allies POW camp when he was found in his hometown as a deserter.

As a dominant figure in the Catholic Church, Ratzinger holds the same conservative views as John Paul II on abortion rights, women's role in the Church and birth control.

"I'm a little disappointed, because we could have used a new voice or different direction," commented Fr. Patrick O'Leary, SJ. "There are a number [of people] in the Church, especially among those wanting to discuss women's issues, who feel these are still live issues and need to be addressed. My fear is [what could happen] if they make declarations in very conservative ways."

Soon after the death of Pope John Paul II and the announcement of the new pope, Seattle University President Stephen Sundborg, SJ, provided commentary for local news broadcasts.

"It was a real opportunity for me as a priest and as President of Seattle University to be asked by so many television stations for my interpretation and my thoughts, and to teach what all of this means," said Sundborg.

Sundborg went on to say that he hopes that Pope Benedict XVI will continue to address social justice issues, such as poverty of the world.

"I hope that he is a moral voice on behalf of the poor of the world," added Sundborg. "No other world leader has the opportunity to be the moral voice the pope can be, if he speaks on behalf of that two thirds of the world."

Many Catholics today believe the conservative views predominant in the Catholic Church are outdated, and that Benedict XVI will simply hold back progressive reforms on such matters as birth control and abortion.

Although the decision to elect Ratzinger as the pope has had a mixed reaction among Jesuits, O'Leary and others are hopeful for the future.

"I trust the Holy Spirit will move us in the direction of dialogue," said O'Leary. "I trust the Spirit there, and I am hopeful."

## BOATS OF HOPE

Campus ministry and students worked together to make small, paper boats resembling Chinese lantern boats to float on the reflection pool. After last Sunday's 9 p.m. mass, students carried the lit boats from the chapel to the water, simultaneously placing them on the water in honor of Benedict XVI. Some of the boats displayed written words of hope for the world and the new pope.

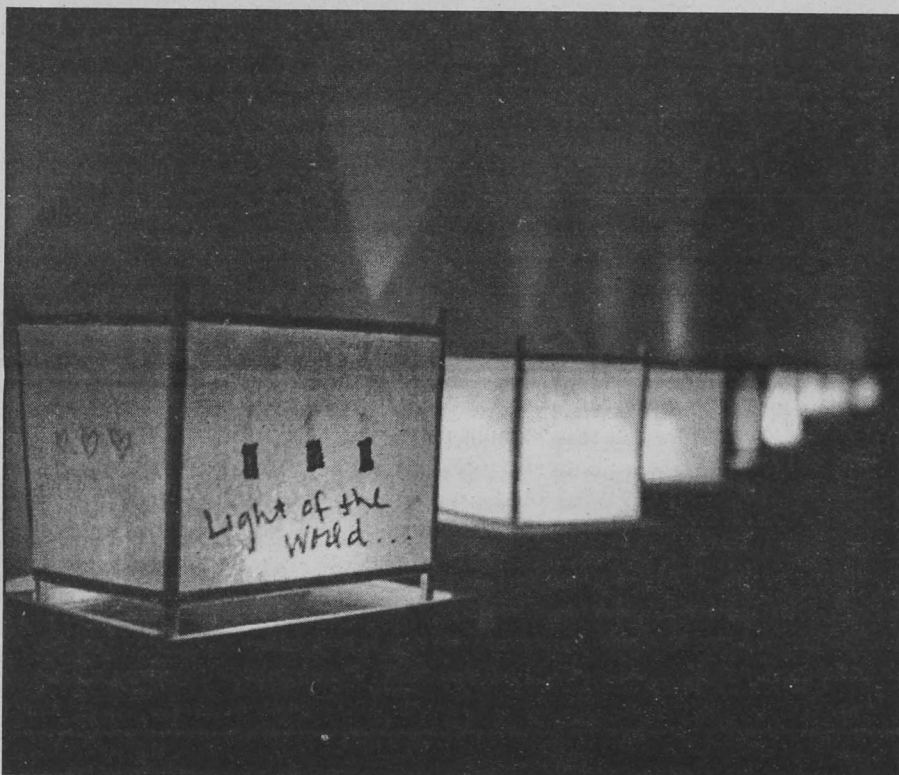


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## Seattle University president appointed to county elections commission

Mark Griswold  
Guest Writer

If you've opened a paper or switched on the news in the past six months you no doubt know that Washington state has a bit of a mess on its hands in regards to the 2004 gubernatorial election. If you've read deeper into the matter you probably know that much of the mess is the result of the King County Elections Department.

What you may not know is that a few weeks ago Seattle University's own president, Fr. Stephen Sundborg, SJ, was personally asked by King County Executive Ron Sims to sit on a the recently formed Commission on Elections.

The Commission will also be represented by nine other community and government leaders, among them Seattle University Law School professor David Boerner and Seattle Pacific University President Dr. Phillip Eaton. The commission will be chaired by former president and CEO of Group

Health, Cheryl Scott.

Fr. Sundborg believes he was selected by Sims to represent an ethical position and because he has always been a leader in civic responsibility.

He admits that he, like many of the members of the Commission, is "an amateur in terms of [election] procedures" but that that lack of experience is not necessarily a detriment. In fact, it could even be an asset because it means that the members are non-stakeholders.

Of course if the Commission ends up discovering enough irregularities that they recommend overturning the results, or even if the opposite is true, all citizens of Washington state are stakeholders to some extent. In terms of direct involvement though, it is true. None of the members of the Commission had any involvement in the counting, processing and other procedural operations directed by the King County Elections Department.

According to Carolyn Duncan, spokeswoman for Executive Ron Sims, "It's clear to the Executive that [Fr.

Sundborg] is the right choice for the job. He's courageous...cares deeply about the community and is willing to do the work needed. His integrity is above reproach and he is the kind of individual we believe the community will trust to work on an issue like election reform."

Fr. Sundborg also points out that the procedural knowledge of elections is just a small piece of the overall investigation.

"It's about accountability," he said, "a better method of communication with voters. How do we gain their trust and inform them of problems when they do arise?"

While the Commission will not have any control over what reforms are implemented it will work with the Metro-King County Council in choosing an elections auditor, and their recommendations will be used by the council in an independent audit.

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## SECURITY REPORTS

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Monday, April 18

### Safety Assist

At 3:30 p.m., P.S. staff received an emergency elevator call from four students stuck in an elevator in Campion. P.S. staff responded and got the students out of the elevator safely. Facilities and the elevator repair company fixed the elevator.

### False Alarm

At 4 p.m., P.S. communications center received a duress alarm signal from the front desk of the Student Center. P.S. officers responded and the staff advised that it was an accident.

### Theft

At 5 p.m., a student reported that she left her electronic language dictionary and a watch unattended in an unsecured study carol in the Lemieux Library for about an hour. Upon returning the watch and e-dictionary were missing.

### Pet Problems

At 5:30 p.m., P.S. staff received two complaints regarding a dog on the Union Green that growled at a faculty member and neigh-

bor walking on campus. P.S. staff searched the area for the dog and potential owner description and neither were located. P.S. is continuing to watch for the described dog and owner and follow up on the complaint.

Tuesday, April 19

### Fire Alarm

At midnight, P.S. staff responded to a fire detector trip in a Murphy apartment residence room. The residents said they swatted a bug on the detector with a towel and set off the alarm.

### Malicious Mischief

At 2 a.m., P.S. staff on patrol discovered someone had put soap in the quadrangle fountain. Facilities were notified of the incident.

Wednesday, April 20

### Safety Assist

At 11:50 a.m. P.S. comm.-center received an emergency elevator call from a student stuck in the Loyola elevator. The student was freed from the elevator and Facilities notified.

### Auto Theft

At 11:50 a.m. a student reported parking his

vehicle in the 11th & E. Cherry Garage on Sunday, discovering it missing on Monday and called 911, who advised the student the vehicle had been impounded from a location 2 blocks north of campus. There were no signs of forced entry and no damage to the vehicle. Some personal property not belonging to the student was found in the vehicle.

### Theft

At 3:45 p.m. a staff person reported to P.S. that she left her book bag containing her wallet in her office. The victim was gone from her office between 2 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. and the office was unsecured. Upon returning the victim discovered her book bag was missing.

### Theft

At 10 p.m. P.S. staff on patrol came upon a Bellarmine residence floor phone missing its hand set. The missing hand set was reported to Tele-communications.

Thursday, April 22

### Theft

At 4:20 p.m. a student called P.S. and reported she could not find her wallet and that the

last time she saw it was in Pigott. P.S. staff helped the student search the areas she had been in the Pigott, but the wallet was not located.

### Malicious Mischief

At 11:15 p.m., P.S. staff on patrol caught two males, who are not associated with SU, breaking a light fixture on the exterior of the 11th and E. Cherry St. Parking Garage. The males were positively identified and an incident reported was filed. The males were issued a criminal trespass and escorted off the campus property.



**Tune in next week for more crime-fighting adventures!**

## Election (Cont. from page 6)

When asked his opinion of elections chief Dean Logan, who has taken the lion's share of the blame in this election, Fr. Sundborg stated that he has not formed an opinion.

However, he does admit that regardless of what the Commission's findings are in regards to Logan, "Sometimes you can only regain trust by getting rid of the person that led the process."

Some may view the fact that Republican gubernatorial candidate Dino Rossi is a graduate of Seattle University and, therefore, a potential conflict of interest for Fr. Sundborg. Sundborg says that that issue has not come up and he does not expect that it will.

Before accepting Sims' offer to sit on the Commission, however, he did check with Steve Hooper, Chair of the Board of Seattle University, to make sure his service would not pose any conflicts of interest and that Seattle University's image would not be affected.

Sundborg asserted that his first

and foremost duty is still to the university.

He added that serving on the Commission will be a lot of work, especially considering much of his time is already taken up with the present capital campaign at SU, as well as his service as chair of United Way of King County and a member of many other organizations' boards.

"It's a complicated issue. It will take a lot of time," he stated. "It won't just be ceremonial - showing up to a few meetings."

Each member of the Commission will head up a workgroup that will investigate areas like procedures, as well as something Fr. Sundborg would like to be involved with, public engagement and education.

Of course, the big question is: who won?

Fr. Sundborg says he accepts the way the election turned out and that it is time to move on and focus on improving elections for the future.

He is open to whatever conclusions the Commission comes up with though, even if it means declaring the election invalid.

## Controversy (Cont. from page 6)

"Everyone sees him as a person of real integrity in that there was never anyone who questioned Governor Locke's eight years as governor in terms of his ethics, in terms of his integrity, in terms of the way he carried out things in the Governor's office during a time that that was not the case for many political figures in our country," stated Sundborg.

Locke was also given an honorary degree because he is a proponent for higher education. While he was governor he created the Promise Scholarships, which are given to high school graduates of Washington to continue their education in Washington colleges.

The Cardinal Newman Society does not feel that Locke's work for higher education is a reason to give him an honorary degree when he is also an advocate for principles that run contradictory to the Catholic Church's moral teachings.

"Locke's views and actions on abortion and homosexual unions

are well-known marks of his governorship. He made strident public remarks on the right to abortion and prevented even popular legislation to ban partial-birth abortion and notify parents when girls seek abortions," said Reilly.

While this is the first time criticism of a commencement speaker has reached a national level, it is not the first time the university has been scrutinized for its commencement speaker.

One instance is when Seattle University gave an honorary degree to Archbishop Hunthausen. It was during the 1980s and Hunthausen was the Archbishop of Seattle, but he was also strongly opposed to nuclear arms and had participated in a protest at the submarine base on the Kinsap Peninsula.

"He was also pastoral in some of his approaches towards gay and lesbian people and other things like that... There were many people who were opposed to Archbishop Hunthausen because of what they considered to be his liberal views," explained Sundborg.

Another time was when Archbishop Connolly spoke about being

pro-Vietnam War at commencement. Many students walked out of the ceremony when he talked of the United States being justified in going to war.

While there is criticism for Locke receiving an honorary degree, there has also been a large amount of support for the choice. Support has not only come from the Seattle University community and the Archbishop of Seattle, but even Locke's opponents.

John Carlson, Locke's opponent five years ago, wrote a letter to the editor of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer supporting the decision. In the letter he stated that, while he may disagree with some of Locke's views, Locke would have a lot to share with this year's graduating class.

"It's a remarkable thing that the Republican candidate against Governor Locke endorses what Seattle University did," commented Sundborg.

Seattle University is also giving an honorary degree to Mimi Gates, the director of the Seattle Art Museum, which will be presented to her at the graduate student commencement ceremony.

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# An American study-abroad student's perspective

**Kate Opatz**  
Guest Writer

Why did Flor Mandujano, senior computer science major, decide to trade her Seattle family, friends and independent lifestyle to live with an elderly couple in a windy French city?

While her first reaction to this question is a laughing, "I don't know!", Mandujano, 26, quickly explains, "I'd spent almost my whole life in the U.S. It's a totally different culture in France and I was just curious about what it was like."

Mandujano is beginning her second quarter of SU's French in France study abroad program in Nantes, France, and in the past three months, has discovered through her immersion just how different another culture can be. The program requires students to live with a French host family and attend the University of Nantes. Classes, though taught by SU instructors, are conducted in French and the two intensive quarters of studying language and culture leave students with a minor in French.

Mandujano's first 11 years were spent in Lima, Peru, where she spoke exclusively Spanish. Only when her family moved to the East Coast did she learn English, which she doesn't recall as being as difficult as her current endeavor in French. "I didn't have to work as hard when I was younger," she says.

As a junior in high school, Mandujano transferred to West Seattle, and had been living in the Seattle area up until this January when she left for France. Her college career has led her from Renton Technical School, where she earned a mechanical drafting certificate, to Seattle Central Community College, to the University of Washington and finally to Seattle University, where she soon hopes to begin her master's in software engineering.

The sister city of Seattle, with a population of just



Photo Courtesy of Flor Mandujano

**Flor Mandujano, senior computer science major, is currently completing her second quarter of French in Nantes, France for the study abroad program.**

under 500,000, Nantes is just south of Paris and a short drive from the Atlantic Ocean. Mandujano's French host family consists of a mother, father, 26-year-old daughter and 23-year-old son. Mandujano's host brother still lives with his family, as it is common in France for children to remain in their parent's house through college.

Family life in itself is a change and occasionally a challenge for Mandujano, who comments, "I've never really lived with two parents," since her own parents divorced when she was young. "My host parents treat me like part of the family," says Mandujano, yet she has been forced to adjust in small ways to fit her new situation.

"I don't open up right away with new people," she reflects, as she recalls her early days in her host family. "My host mom would invite her friends over for

dinner and I was expected to talk with them. I still felt awkward with the language and it was very uncomfortable." However, Flor recounts the solution to the problem was as simple as explaining to her host mother how she felt (in French, of course). "She was very understanding," says Mandujano.

Cultural differences - beyond the increase in baguette consumption - make family life even more complex. Mandujano notes that her French family is far more strict than her own parents, and that conservation is extremely important in French households. Shower habits are one example, "I have to turn off the water between rinses," she explains, "or they get upset."

The French emphasis on family has also proved to be a change from life in the States. Nantes becomes quiet on Sunday. You often have to travel further than normal to find an open café or bakery as nearly all businesses are closed. It is considered to be a "family day" and, as is traditional, Mandujano's host sister returns home each Sunday for lunch with her parents.

Accustomed to spending her Sunday's at church, Mandujano has been exposed to another change in her lifestyle. Because her host family doesn't attend church, she has taken it upon herself to find a French church to attend independently.

This constant need for adaptation has changed Mandujano as a person in the past three months. "I've become less shy," Mandujano says, "I used to rely on my sister, but in France I've become more assertive. I have to speak up because no one is going to do it for me."

As a result, Mandujano has found herself traveling on her own - Spain and Italy. This personality change has also been an asset socially. "Nantes started out boring," Mandujano says, "But I've started going out to bars and meeting people on my own. I've become friendlier and I open up to people faster than I used to."

## Paving the way: Top ten SU alumni

**Austin Burton**  
Staff Writer

At one time or another, probably every college-minded student has spent at least a few minutes thumbing through university brochures.

One regular feature in those brochures is to highlight the school's notable alumni, from professional athletes and business leaders to artists and authors. For some students, a university's alumnus history can be a deciding factor in their choice of schools. For others, it means little or nothing.

Margaret Irribarra, sophomore social work major, remembers that she didn't think much of Seattle University's alumni when she was applying.

"That stuff is mostly for parents, I think," Irribarra said. "I cared more about (the school's) current status. But now that I'm in college, I think it would be more interesting."

Ashley Abbott, junior biology major, was also uninfluenced by the existence of prominent alumni. "It's not something I think should sway anyone's opinion," she said. Abbott did mention, however, that she sees where the alumni track record can mean a lot to some prospective students.

"For certain fields it's a plus. It pretty much increases your status," Abbott said. For example, she offered, a student interested in business might want to know how many CEOs once attended SU.

Irribarra added that from looking at a list of Redhawks-turned-CEOs, she would assume that SU had a good business program.

With that said, *The Spectator* compiled a list of some of Seattle University's most accomplished alumni:

**Elgin Baylor, Vice President, Los Angeles Clippers** - Before assuming his front-office position with the NBA's "other" L.A. team, Baylor was one of the

best players to ever lace up a pair of Chuck Taylors. In 14 seasons with the L.A. Lakers, Baylor averaged 27.4 points and 13.5 rebounds per game and played in 11 NBA All-Star games.

At one time, he held league records for the most points in a regular season game and the most points in a playoff game. His aerial style was seen as the precursor to Julius "Dr. J" Erving and later Michael Jordan. In two seasons at SU, the Washington D.C. native averaged more than 30 points and almost 20 rebounds per game. In 1958, he led the team (then called the Chieftans) to the NCAA championship game.

**Major General Peter Chiarelli, Director of Operations, U.S. Army** - A Seattle native, Chiarelli earned his political science undergraduate degree from SU. He has served in Germany, Belgium and the U.S. and is currently commander of forces in Iraq.

**Bill Foley, CEO, Fidelity National Financial** - After earning his undergraduate degree from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, Foley served in the U.S. Air Force before getting his M.B.A. from SU. During his tenure as CEO, Fidelity has become the largest insurance company in the country.

**Richard Jones, Judge, King County Superior Court** - In 2003, Judge Jones sentenced Gary Ridgeway, a.k.a. "The Green River Killer," to 47 life sentences in prison for numerous murders. Jones served as King County's Deputy Prosecutor and as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the state's Western District. He was appointed to the Superior Court in 1994.

**Carolyn Kelly, President and CEO, The Seattle Times** - After earning her undergraduate degree at Spokane's Gonzaga University, Kelly earned her M.B.A. from SU. She began working for the *Times*, the state's largest newspaper, as a financial analyst in 1977. Kelly held management positions in circulation, advertising and

marketing, and served as the *Times*' CFO from 1989-97.

From 1997-2001, she was the newspaper's general manager, helping guide the paper's day-to-day operations. She was appointed to her current position in 2001 and is one of only a handful of women in executive positions at major American newspapers. She is also on the *Times* editorial board.

**Stan W. McNaughton, CEO, PEMCO** - The son of deceased former PEMCO CEO Stan O. McNaughton, the younger McNaughton oversees the corporation that encompasses PEMCO Insurance, Evergreen Bank and the School Employees Credit Union of Washington. McNaughton heads a company of over 1,100 employees and more than \$1 billion in assets. He sits on the advisory board of SU's Albers School of Business and Economics, from which he earned his degree in 1974.

**Charles Mitchell, Chancellor, Seattle Community Colleges** - Mitchell was president of Seattle Central Community College in 2001 when *Time* magazine named SCCC "College of the Year." Mitchell started his career with the Seattle Community Colleges as Dean of Students at Seattle Central in 1981.

Earlier, he was Assistant to the Governor of Colorado and Affirmative Action Administrator for the government of King County. He had also served as Minority Affairs Director at Seattle University and Director of the Northwest Assistance Center, funded by the Education Department of Seattle University.

A graduate of Seattle's Garfield High School, Mitchell earned his master's from SU after earning her undergraduate degree at UW, then got his doctorate at Brigham Young University in Utah.

He was inducted into the Husky Football Hall of Fame in 1992. After graduation from the UW, he played professional football for six years with the Denver Broncos and Buffalo Bills.



**Frank Murkowski, Governor, Alaska** - A native Alaskan, Murkowski earned an economics degree at SU in 1955. After serving in the U.S. Coast Guard he began a career in banking that lasted more than 10 years. From 1966-69 he served former Alaska governor Walter Hickel as the commissioner of the Department of Economic Development.

In 1971, he was named president of the Alaska National Bank, and in 1980, was elected to the U.S. Senate. Murkowski spent 22 years in the Senate, serving as chairman of the Energy Committee among other appointments. He was sworn in as Alaska's governor in 2002.

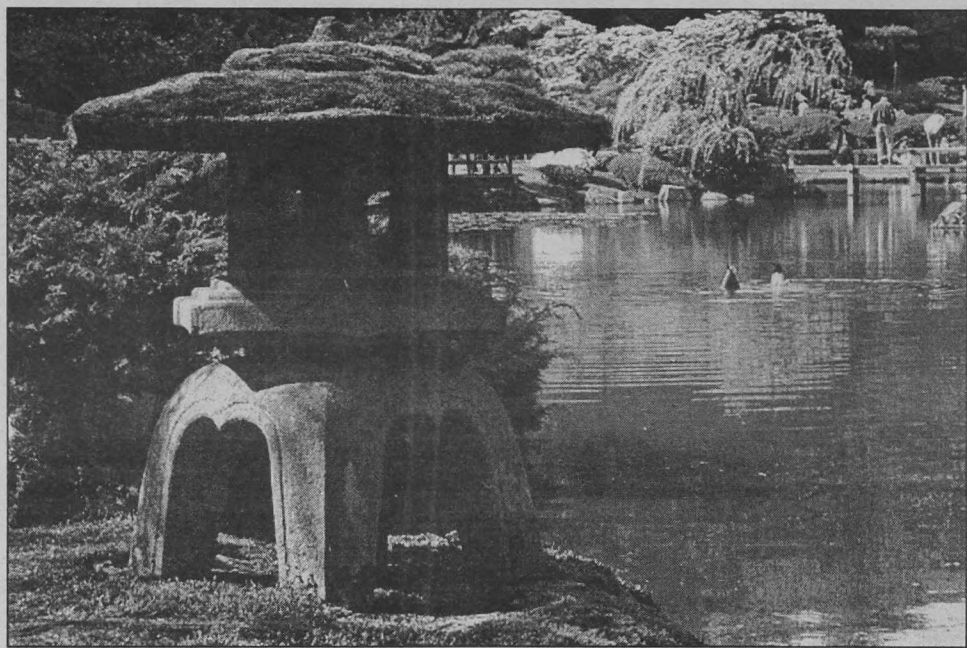
**John Spellman, former Washington state governor** - After graduating from SU in 1949, his political career began when he served as King County Commissioner in 1967. Elected to the governor's office in 1980 when he beat Jim McDermott, Republican Spellman served until 1985.

During his term, the state's economy suffered a serious slump that was highlighted by rising unemployment and disappointing tax revenues. Ultimately it led to the state's sales tax rising from 5.5 percent to 6.5 percent. Spellman was known for his strong commitment to protecting the environment. In 1984, he ran for re-election but lost to Booth Gardner. Spellman returned to private law practice after that and twice ran unsuccessfully for election as an appellate court judge.

**Jim Whittaker, first American to scale Mt. Everest** - Whittaker got his SU degree in 1952. On May 1, 1963, he reached the summit of Mt. Everest, the first American to do so.



# Enjoy a day at one of the Emerald City's getaways



Photos by Kevin Curley

**The Seattle Japanese Gardens, considered to be among the finest outside of Japan, were designed by well-known Iida Juki in 1960.**

**Kevin Curley**  
*Opinion Editor*

Too often students get caught up in the high speed and intense life that surrounds their college experience. We tend to spend our "free" afternoons sitting in our apartments or dorm rooms catching a quick nap or watching a rerun of *Law & Order*.

As the days get longer and the sun emerges from the dark gray clouds of winter, the opportunities to explore the city are becoming more frequent.

There are many places close to Seattle University where you can relax and read a book, lay out in the sun, play Frisbee with a few friends or just get away from the hustle and bustle of the city.

Whether you head to the tranquility of the Seattle Japanese Gardens on Lake Washington Boulevard or lay out in the sun at Volunteer Park by Mansion Hill, both will allow you to forget about the stresses we all encounter as busy college students.

This past Sunday was one of those days where the sun was out, the temperature evened off around 70 degrees and a gentle wind whispered by every now and then.

Stopping by the Japanese Gardens on my way to Volunteer Park, I noticed a sea of children, parents and grandparents strolling along the paths of the Arboretum, making their way to the gardens at the bottom of the hill.

Once inside, the sound of cars speeding down Lake Washington Boulevard was lost and replaced by the scuffling of feet along the stone paths that cut through the tiny garden.

It was about 3 p.m. when I settled down on a bench close to one of the two ponds inside the garden.

The sun passed through the trees that surrounded the garden and little kids holding the hands of their parents knelt beside the water gazing intensely at the large white and orange koi swimming below them.

A man stands behind his 2-year-old daughter watching two ducks cleaning their feathers along the pond.

"She looks like she's having fun today," I say to him.

"Yes, she loves coming here; we come by when the weather is nice."

Most people who stop by want to be left alone. It's hard to try and approach them; part of me doesn't want to disturb their peacefulness. One older couple, holding hands, says hi to me while I search for a place to take a picture of the flowers in bloom.

Even though the garden is located on a busy street, it is never full and hardly gets recognized. Though they know where it is, some people have never been to the gardens.

So, if you're looking for that hidden garden of tranquility, you should head to the Seattle Japanese Gardens. It's easy to find, located a short two-mile walk east, down Madison Street toward Lake Washington.

The gardens are considered to be one of the finest Japanese gardens outside of Japan. The three-and-a-half-acre garden was designed and constructed by well-known garden designer, Iida Juki, in 1960.

The gardens are managed by the City of Seattle, Department of Parks and Recreation, the University of Washington and the Arboretum Foundation.

Now, for you sunbathers, Volunteer Park is the place to go. Named for Seattleites who volunteered for the Spanish-American War, Volunteer Park offers an array of activities and park area to accommodate every person's needs.

Located on the north end of Capitol Hill, a mile and a half from Seattle University, the park is also the home to the Volunteer Park Conservatory and the Seattle Asian Art Museum.

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With great views of the Space Needle and of the Olympic and Cascade Mountain Ranges, people of all ages gather at the Victorian-style park to walk their pets, lay

out in the sun, walk along the many paths or just sit on the benches outside the museum overlooking the reservoir.

The Conservatory has sat on the grounds of the park since its completion in 1912. It is one of only three conservatories in the United States built prior to World War I still in existence today. However, by 1978, the glass structure had gradually fallen apart and was closed due to safety concerns. Then in 1980, with the help of the City of Seattle, the Conservatory was restored and expanded to include a resource center, gift shop and five distinct plant rooms.

The orchid collection at the Conservatory, donated by Mrs. Anna H. Clise in 1921, is listed as one of the best collections in the United States. Admission for the Conservatory is free for all visitors.

The Seattle Asian Art Museum, designed by architect Carl F. Gould and built in 1933, is a historic art-modern building. The museum is the home to a collection of Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Indian, Southeast Asian and Himalayan art works from around the world.

The museum is controlled by the Seattle Art Museum and will be shut down for six months, starting in June, for renovations. The museum will reopen in January 2006.

The focal point of the park is a 30-ton black granite sculpture created by



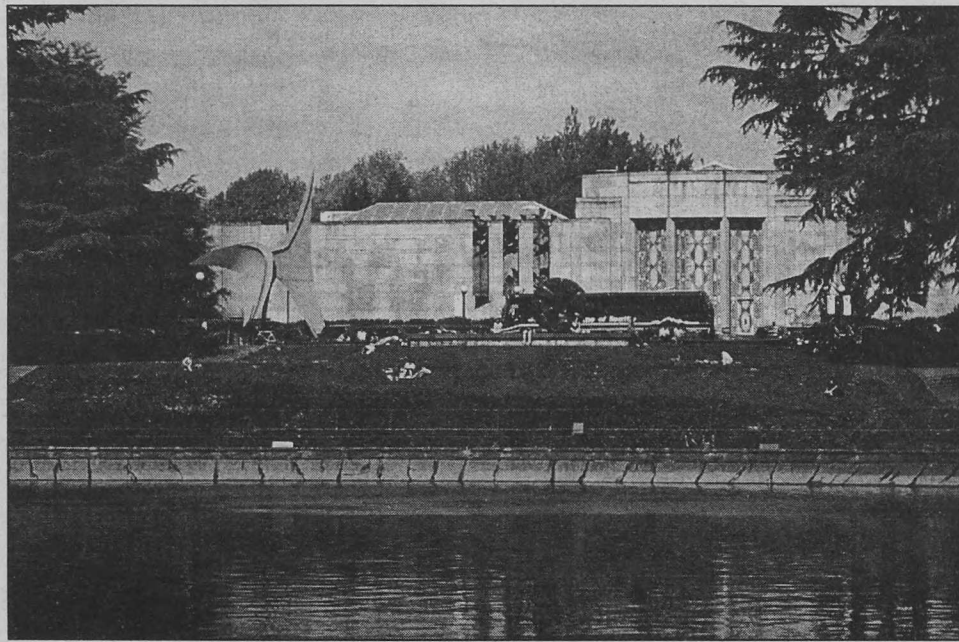
**The Washington Park Arboretum was established in 1934. A spectacular 230-acre-urban green space on the shores of Lake Washington, it comprises a collection of oaks, conifers, camellias, Japanese maples and hollies.**

Isamu Noguchi in 1969 called Black Sun. The sculpture is a big attraction for tourists who take pictures of themselves inside the sun-shaped sculpture with the Space Needle in the background.

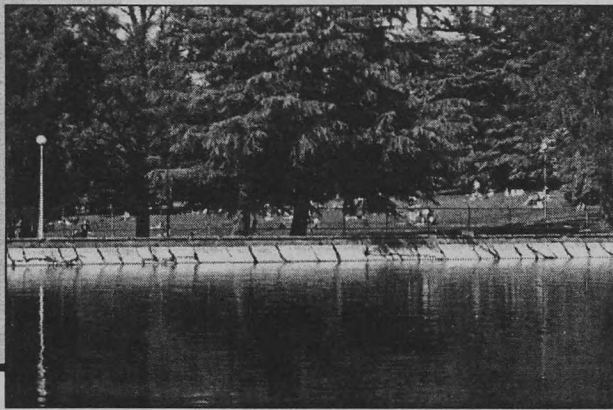
But one of the main attractions that make Seattleites flock to Volunteer Park is the amount of space there is to lay back and relax. Like the Japanese Gardens, Volunteer Park is a place to forget that we live in a growing metropolis.

The looming trees, the ponds full of swimming carp, the beautiful mansions that line the park's perimeter, the reflecting water from the reservoir and the view of the Olympics, make an afternoon in the park a relaxing hiatus from the busy lives we tend to get caught up in.

Volunteer Park and the Japanese Gardens are only two of the many parks



**Set in Capitol Hill's beautiful Volunteer Park, the Seattle Asian Art museum houses a world-renowned collection of Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Indian, Southeast Asian and Himalayan art.**



**Located in the heart of Seattle and only 1.7 miles from campus, Volunteer Park is home of the Volunteer Park Conservatory.**

that lie within the city limits. If you're looking for an adventure, you could stop by Discovery Park, located six miles west of Seattle University on Magnolia Bluff.

It is considered the main hot spot for runners and hikers who enjoy a challenging run. The park boasts two main trails; a four- and seven-mile-long trail through the woods and hills along the bluff.

So, instead of staying indoors the next time it gets warm outside and the clouds disappear from the blue sky, take your chances on the parks around the city.

You'll get a chance to see the hidden treasures of the Emerald City and a little bit of history along the way. If you think you're too busy, bring your books along and get a tan at the same time.



# Unpredictable spring weather affecting team's playoff chances

Final seven games very  
important for No. 7 Redhawks

Nick McCarvel  
Staff Writer

With the season coming to an end, the Redhawks softball team is facing more than its opponents.

In addition to facing their foes on the field, mother nature has come to be a bit of a nemesis for the softball squad.

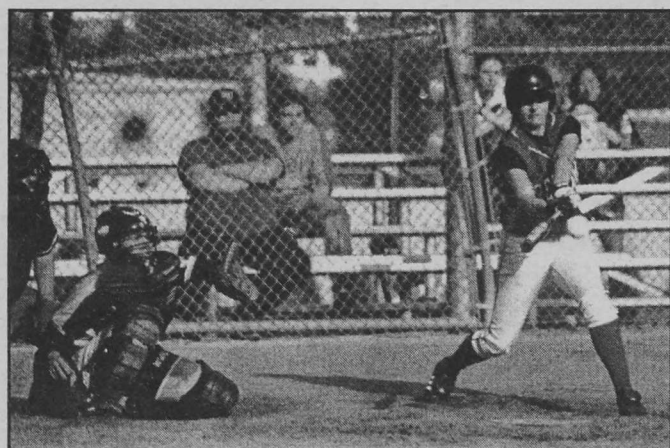
Two weeks ago, the Redhawks had two straight double-headers rained out in Seattle; the team then traveled to Oregon where they completed just two of four scheduled games on a weekend set.

With regionals looming just two weeks away, every game counts for head coach Dan Powers and his team.

"We have eight games on our schedule including a make-up against Western Oregon. We have to finish strong down the stretch and move into second place in the GNAC,"

*"I expect everyone to step up. For us to make regionals and accomplish the things we'd like to do, it's really going to take a team effort."*

SENIOR OUTFIELDER LIZ MEYER

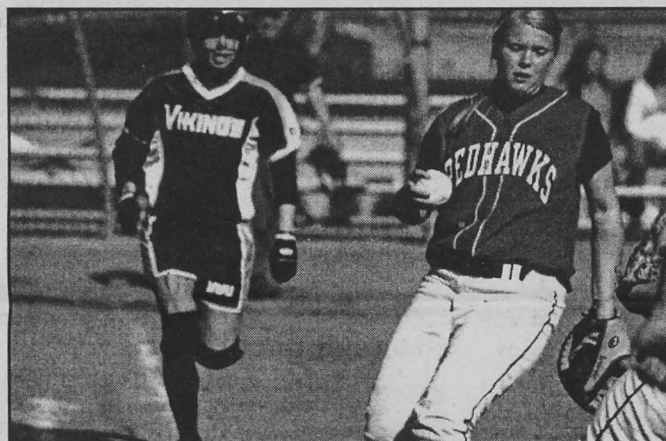


Erin Kemper swings into a groundout in the second game against Western Washington. The team fell behind 2-0 but scored two runs in both the second and third innings. Starting pitcher Erin Martin then found herself in a jam in the sixth and lost her lead to the Vikings, who won 6-4.

he said. "We play Western Washington and Central and if we sweep both of them we will take over second place."

Sweeping both these teams and finishing the season strong may be easier said than done.

Last weekend, SU squeaked two wins out over Western Oregon, winning 7-6 and 9-6



**Amanda Nilles steps on first for the easy out. Nilles hit a back-to-back homeruns, a solo walkoff homer in game one and a 2-run homer in the second inning of game two.**

in Monmouth, Ore. On Monday at Logan Field, the Redhawks fought off Western Washington in game one, winning 1-0, but fell 4-6 in the second match.

After that loss, the girls have had their work cut out for them.

"I expect everyone to step up," senior outfielder Liz Meyer said. "For us to make regionals and accomplish the things we'd like to do, it's really going to take a team effort."

That team effort, as Meyer calls it, is what has propelled SU to win three of their last four and improve their record to 21-14 overall, 12-6 GNAC.

Two weekends ago against Western Oregon, the Redhawk offense stepped up in a big way.

The team had 18 hits and 16 runs in just two games while sophomore Katie Ledbetter nailed

a two run homerun and freshman slugger Jane Purdy connected for a triple. Senior Stephanie Stone also cracked her second home run of the year, while freshman pitcher Katie Rojano picked up her fourth win in a relief appearance.

"It was a complete team effort and we got our bats going," coach Powers said. "Our confidence is growing but we know we still have a lot of work ahead and must continue to do the little things right, more consistently."

That consistency formed in Oregon faded against Western Washington on Monday at Logan Field.

After Fresh-

man pitcher Erin Martin (12-5) pitched seven innings, sophomore first baseman Amanda Nilles nailed a walkoff home run in the bottom of the seventh inning to seal the win.

However, in the following game, the SU defense let a 4-2 lead slip in the fifth inning by allowing four straight runs. The Redhawks lost 4-6 to the Vikings.

"I felt like we were playing pretty well against Western in the middle of game two after a rough first inning," Meyer said of the loss. "I'm not exactly sure what happened, but I'd give Western credit for coming back and we just couldn't add a few insurance runs late in the game."

In the second game against Western, Meyer made two diving catches to end innings and also singled and stole a base to help SU build their lead.

Currently, the Redhawks hold the number seven slot



Photos by Joey Anchondo

**Amanda Nilles, left, is congratulated by teammates after her second inning homerun. Nilles is fifth in the conference with four homeruns.**

in the Far West Regional of the NCAA Division II softball rankings. In order for the team to move on to the regional tournament, Seattle needs to move up one slot, to number six; a position that is currently occupied by Chico State of California, a team that SU has already beaten this year. Chico State (26-13) holds the No. 6 ranking over SU because it has played and won six more games than the Redhawks.

"Our team knows what we have to do and despite our youth we are in a position to reach our goals," Powers said. "Now we just have to go out and play up to our abilities and move forward."

Seattle added a victory yesterday with a 5-0 win over Saint Martin's. This weekend they play Western Oregon (3-12, 10-29) on Saturday in Oregon, then they will head north on Sunday to take on the Western Washington Vikings (10-4, 16-15).

## GNAC

Softball	CONFERENCE			OVERALL		
	W-L	Pct	W-L	Pct	Strk	
Humboldt State	17-1	.944	53-3	.946	W5	
Central Washington	14-4	.778	22-17	.564	L2	
Western Washington	10-4	.714	16-15	.516	W1	
<b>Seattle U.</b>	<b>12-6</b>	<b>.684</b>	<b>22-14</b>	<b>.611</b>	<b>W1</b>	
Saint Martin's	4-15	.211	10-27	.270	W2	
Western Oregon	3-12	.200	10-29	.256	L2	
Northwest Nazarene	1-19	.050	9-37	.196	L10	

### Individual Leaders

#### Batting

Batting Average	
Jane Purdy - SU	.433
Lydia Foster - WOU	.430
Brandi Harrison - HSU	.396
Nancy Harbeson - HSU	.358
Megan McPhee	.356

#### Pitching

ERA	
Tracy Motzny - HSU	0.75
Lizzy Prescott - HSU	1.16
Sarah Withers - CWU	1.48
<b>Erin Martin - SU</b>	<b>2.16</b>
Nicole Walker - WWU	2.52

Home Runs	
Jane Purdy - SU	11
Megan Sutherland - HSU	7
Patty Martinez - HSU	7
Brandi Harrison - HSU	6
Amanda Nilles - SU	4

Wins	
Tracy Motzny - HSU	27-2
Lizzy Prescott - HSU	21-1
<b>Erin Martin - SU</b>	<b>12-5</b>
Sara Badgley - CWU	11-7
Jackie Quint - WWU	9-5

RBI's	
Jessica Padilla - HSU	49
Brandi Harrison - HSU	46
Megan Sutherland - HSU	42
Jane Purdy - SU	32
Patty Martinez - CWU	30

Strikeouts	
Lizzy Prescott - HSU	155
Sara Badgley - CWU	150
Tracy Motzny - HSU	143
Adrian Herman - NNU	139
<b>Erin Martin - SU</b>	<b>86</b>

**WEST COAST RANKINGS - 1. Humboldt State (53-3) 2. Cal State Dominguez Hills (42-9) 3. San Francisco State (34-16) 4. Montana State-Billings (28-12) 5. Hawaii Hilo (32-9) 6. Cal State Chico (26-13) 7. Seattle (20-13) 8. Cal State Bakersfield (31-21) 9. Hawaii Pacific (26-15) 10. Central Washington (22-17)**



# New website gives athletic department legitimate look

Austin Burton  
Staff Writer

So far, so good for the Seattle University athletic department's recent facelift. On Tuesday, Apr. 26, SU launched its new athletics website, [www.seattleredhawks.com](http://www.seattleredhawks.com).

With the official unveiling, SU becomes part of the largest family of college sports websites in the country. And the word around the office is all positive for now.

The new website is hosted by College Sports Online, a private company that hosts websites for 152 colleges and universities, including the University of Washington and Washington State University. Seattle U is just the 12th Division II institution under the College Sports Online banner, along with GNAC rival Western Washington University. The new website replaces the old one, which was hosted in-house via the University's website.

The decision to give the SU website a makeover was made primarily by athletic director Wendy Guthrie and sports information director Kevin Eubanks. Both are in their first year at SU, and Eubanks said both he and Guthrie had eyes on changing the website soon after their respective arrivals on campus.

"We realized that our old website wasn't sufficient for what we're trying to be, which is a premier Division II athletic program," Eubanks said. "We really wanted something that was going to give us instant credibility. We're one of the big boys now."

Fans who had visited the old website within the past school year may have noticed some aspects were missing, notably player biographies in major sports like men's and women's basketball. Eubanks explained that the reason for those oversights was because of the transition from one website to another.

"With the old site it was a very grueling, long process to do things like put bios with



Photo Courtesy of College Sports Online, Inc and Seattle University

The new website adds interaction with athletic department, featuring player biographies, online-polls and a detailed calendar.

a photo up. And since this [new] site was so much work, we decided early on [to not add bios]. We knew we were going to take a hit with the old site, and we tried to let the athletes know, it's not like we hate you or anything, we'd just have to bite the bullet for six to eight months."

New features on [www.seattleredhawks.com](http://www.seattleredhawks.com) include complete bios for every athlete, most of the coaches and most of the athletics

staff, a more detailed calendar of upcoming events, interactive fan polls, and a section where SU-related articles from other publications such as the Seattle Times and Seattle Post-Intelligencer will be featured.

But the main attraction is the new look.

"The main purpose of this new site was without a doubt to give us a more professional look, to bring more legitimacy to our program," Eubanks said.

## Who says golf is not a sport?

Kevin Curley  
Opinion Editor

In the opinion of many, golf is not considered a sport; it is merely a long walk. I mean who can really get excited about 100 men and women with their caddies smacking a little white ball around? Well I do and so do millions of other golf enthusiasts around the world.

I can see how some of you can be naïve to this classic European sport, but all of us in this world can't be perfect. Let's take a look at history. The first recorded baseball contest was held in 1846, while the first recorded football games were held shortly after the Civil War. Basketball was invented in Canada by a physical education instructor in 1891. But before any of these came into play, golf was already a sport enjoyed by many Europeans; the first games dating back to the 15<sup>th</sup> century.

So you say it's not a sport, it's not physical enough? Most people who make those claims have never spent a serious day out on the links. You show up in your cut-off jeans, a cooler full of beer and no sense of what the game is all about. How about you spend some time with my dad and I out at Aldarra and see if you can keep up?

Then there are the players of each sport. Golf players must play at their very best or their ranking goes down and they risk getting paid from tournament earnings.

Unlike the so-called superstars of football, baseball and basketball, golfers must be at the top of their game for four days every week. Golf is the only sport in which you have to play well to get paid. If Bret Boone goes 0-20 in six games, he's still getting money from the Mariners. However, if a low-ranking player on the Tour plays poorly in a tournament the first two days of a four-day tournament, they get cut from the field and they head home without making any money. If this continues throughout the year, they will lose their qualification from the Tour and head down to the minors.

For the past nine years, with the help of Tiger Woods, golf has become a major sport among people of all ages. Every one wants to be Tiger, even the professionals that were on Tour before he was out of high school. Nowadays, the competition for tournaments is fierce, as was evident in this year's Masters Tournament.

The Masters Tournament, held at the all-men's Augusta National in Georgia is considered to be the first big tournament of the 2005 season. Tiger started off the week at the Masters way behind the pack, with many on-lookers wondering if he was even going to make the cut.

He couldn't drive it in the fairway or make the putts that would keep him on the leaderboard. While he was suffering, Chris DiMarco was at the top of the leaderboard.

But by Sunday morning, DiMarco lost his momentum and shot a 74 in his third round, allowing Woods to move into the lead. Both players quickly started their fourth round, a match-up that will be considered the best final round in Master's history.

Woods ended up winning his fourth green jacket in nine years after an unbelievable shot on the 16th hole for birdie that finally crushed DiMarco's grip on the lead.

If you question if golf is a sport, then maybe you should question your criteria for what a sport is. Because this year's Masters was definitely a display of strength, drive and most of all, love for the game by each golfer.

## Track and Field Highlights

Senior Kelly Fullerton received the award of GNAC Athlete of the Week just two weeks after her teammate Faruk Punjani received the same award.

Fullerton earned the award for her national ranking No. 2 time in the 3,000 meter steeplechase. Punjani received the honors for his conference ranking performances earlier in the month.

Fullerton placed fifth among an elite group of NCAA Division

I runners and broke her former school and GNAC record by running 10:36.95 in the 3,000 steeplechase.

Her previous record was 10:45.35 and she set that mark last season at the NCAA Division II Championships.

Her time places her as the No. 2 runner in the nation. The only faster time came from Abilene Christian University junior Trina Cox, who ran 10seconds faster

than Fullerton at the Stanford Invitational one month ago. Fullerton is 10 seconds faster than the third ranked runner.

She also broke her record in the 1,500 meter Apr. 16.

Punjani was named the GNAC Male Track and Field Athlete of the Week for his performances at the Western Oregon Invitational on Apr. 9.

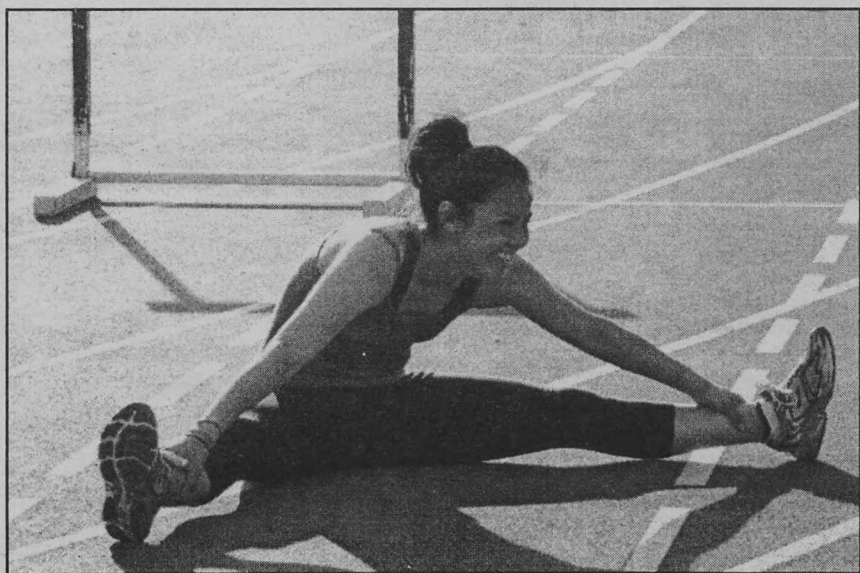
Punjani earned the No. 3 ranking in both the 200 and 400 meter

titles and was the only male athlete to double in the running events at the meet. His winning time in the 200 was 22.93 and he ran a 50.6 (h) in the 400 meters.

Punjani also broke his school record in the 100-meter on Apr. 16.

The track team will compete Friday, Apr. 29 at the Western Washington Twilight Meet.

Information gathered from SU Athletics



Photos by Becky Lawrence

Freshman Charisse Arce, left, stretches during practice at the UW last week. Below, the women's team prepares for their meet on Apr. 29.



# Marianas Taotao Tano Fiesta Fun

**Tamara Shkurkin**  
Arts & Entertainment Editor

The Commonwealth of Northern Marianas Islands (CNMI) located east of the Philippines and Southeast of Japan, is a union of the main islands of Guam, Saipan, Rota and Tinian. Guam is a US territory, while the other three islands make up the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas. The residents of the Northern Marianas are dominantly from Chamorro, Carolinian and Micronesian cultures, and because the CNMI is not within the US customs territory, it can determine its own tax structure, and U.S. federal laws regarding minimum wage and immigration do not apply.

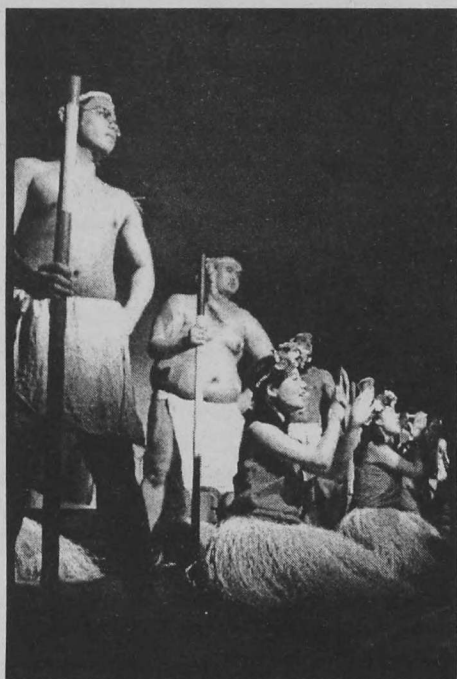


Photo by Kyle Smith

Last Saturday night, the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Marianas Taotao Tano club fiesta was held in the Champion ballroom to celebrate the Chamorro and Carolinian cultures. The event was a huge success, and the over four hundred tickets sold out in advance. The atmosphere of the ballroom was greatly transformed by festive tropical flowers and décor; and prominent-

ly displayed and framing the stage were cardboard Latte stones. The real Latte stones are used as foundations to raise homes constructed in the Marianas, and doubly represent a cultural metaphor for the strong and unwavering community base and unity from which their cultural identity stems.

The festivities began with the singing of the Guam Hymn by senior international business major Raul Alicdan and the CNMI Anthem by Annie Lee, senior marketing major. The large crowd appeared visibly moved by the songs, and many sang along with both. The banquet tables, decorated with programs and pamphlets on visiting the Marianas, were also garnished with a plate of vanilla wafers and Cheez-its. These snacks curbed our hunger until we were called finally called to get in line for the Marianas dinner.

The food was served buffet style, with extremely generous portions to my American eye, though my table-mates, recently re-located from Guam, informed me the amount of food would normally be three times as much. I had never before tasted the cuisine of the Marianas, but especially enjoyed the shrimp patties, tempura and "Hineksan Agaga," a red rice flavored with achote seed. For dessert the Ahu, coconut and tapioca in raw liquefied sugar and Latiya; Chiffon cake topped with vanilla pudding, gave me a taste of the vibrant cuisine enjoyed by people of this region. The DJ finished up the mix of reggae, hip-hop and R & B to allow for the entertainment portion of the evening to begin.

A dance to the song "Take Me Back" by Chamorro artist Ruby Santos with the theme



Photo by Kyle Smith

of longing for home and the comforts of island life began the official entertainment section of the evening. The dancing style appeared to be similar to a hula, and was dedicated to the graduating seniors of the very tight knit club. The next act, a demonstration of the "boot camp" exercises performed by Pingalese warriors was energetic and impressively choreographed. The dozen or so loin-cloth adorned young men performed steps, chanted and fought with sticks. The effect was very powerful and evoked a feeling of Marianas national pride even in the most unbiased of viewers. The crowd loved the demonstrations of skill and agility, and chants called out by the performers were boisterously returned by members of the crowd.

The "Carolinian Women Song," sung in Carolinian by members of the club, was beautifully done. The song told the story of a woman who had lost her "mwarr" or head lei, and the singing evoked feelings of majestic melancholy.

The Marianas Next Top Chamorrita was a "beauty pageant" of sorts, held under the guise of finding a "next top model" of the islands of the Marianas. The contestants were all in drag, and performed to current pop hits such as "Naughty Girl" and "Bootylicious."

Items such as a travel backpack gift bags from the Guam visitor's bureau, and the grand prize of a round trip ticket to Guam were raffled off.

Popular Guam band Da Udda Band performed, and festivities lasted until midnight. A quick glimpse into a culture so familiar to my classmates and completely foreign to me until now was an invaluable experience. Next year be sure to check out the 13<sup>th</sup> annual Fiesta, you are sure to not be disappointed.

## Facing New York

**Kyle Smith**  
Staff Photographer

Once upon a time, five guys from the San Francisco Bay Area started playing music together. That day was hardly six months ago and already these guys have released two EP's, one being a split EP with the group Amity. Their debut EP, *Swimming Not Treading*, is a self described "thesis statement" for a band who hasn't quite figured out what it wants to be, but is quickly on its way to stardom. With a unique sound and meaningful, soul-searching lyrics, its easy to see why the guys of Facing New York are doing as well as they are.

It's hard to place Facing New York into any existing genre as they seem to cross in and out of electronica, punk, emo and piano rock. Two tracks, "A Tempest, A Dance" and "You Might Not Feel it At All," also carry a ska-like sound reminiscent of the RX Bandits, which makes sense considering that they are currently touring together and have both worked with producer Chris Fudurich. However, this similarity between the two groups only presents itself during certain portions of a few verses; the rest of the ride is the sole work and genius of FNY.

Also, for those who are immediately turned off by the term emo, I only use this term in the sense of conveying the passion and emotion that FNY expresses through its lyrics. "Paper Shepherd," off of their split EP, is a socially and politically charged anthem for the generation lost in a world that hasn't allowed them to establish their place. "Today it Ends," also off of the split EP, as well as "You Might Not Feel it at All," off of the *Swimming Not Treading EP*, are deeply introspective and show the group's strive to find themselves as human beings, as well as artists.

All in all, Facing New York is a band worth checking out and has a lot to add to anyone's CD collection. If you are under the impression that you can't rock out while playing keyboard, these guys will blow your mind. Check them out this week with RX Bandits or during one of their certain returns to the Emerald City.

[www.facingnewyork.com](http://www.facingnewyork.com)

## Baseball & Romance?

**Katie Musselman**  
Staff Writer

"Fever Pitch," starring Drew Barrymore and Jimmy Fallon, lives up to the expectations of the romantic comedy genre: somewhat entertaining yet easily forgettable. The film is a classic feel good movie, with some comic relief to move it along. It wouldn't be a romantic comedy without some conflict, and in this film, it's a top ten cliché problem in relationships: when one person's obsession with sports makes the other feel ignored.

The film seamlessly follows the guidelines for a sappy romance from the beginning. First the successful career woman, Barrymore, rejects the humble Fallon, who's character is a school teacher, because he is not her usual type of guy. Low and behold, she changes her mind and they begin dating. Cue in the "I'll be there for you through anything" scenes which includes Fallon taking care of her while she is sick with food poisoning. This includes the chivalrous gesture of cleaning her toilet when they are supposed to be on a date. And yes, someone does run across a baseball field during a Red Sox game to stop the person they are in love with from making a detrimental mistake. The scene takes a striking semblance to another Barrymore film in which she waits on the pitcher's mound for her man, also a school teacher, in 1999's "Never Been Kissed."

Eventually the conflict arises between the

picture perfect couple and Fallon must choose between "the longest relationship" he's ever had, that being with the Red Sox, or his love interest. This being a romantic comedy, it is easy to guess who he chooses.

The film was fortunately thrown a life preserver in the form of comedy, including of course the classically awkward and embarrassing meet the friends and meet the parents scenes. Even more clever was the way Fallon's obsession with the Red Sox is woven into the plot. His apartment is decorated in baseball memorabilia down to the toilet paper with baseball logos, and he asks Barrymore to go to opening game with him in the guise of a marriage proposal. The two of them going to the games represents the most comedic scenes, in which she, not knowing anything about baseball, resorts to buying books on the Red Sox just to understand what she is watching.

While baseball fans may be the only group of individuals to truly appreciate this movie, "Fever Pitch" puts the romantic into the comedy, and seals it with an obsession with the Red Sox. It provides enough to laugh about to serve as entertainment, and is a go-seer for those who like lighthearted movies that do not tax one's intellect. Yet the film does address the age long dilemma for guys over the girl versus the team. "Fever Pitch" was a clever idea, however, once on screen, the film fell short of anything beyond the simplicity of boy meets girl, with one of them charging across a baseball field.

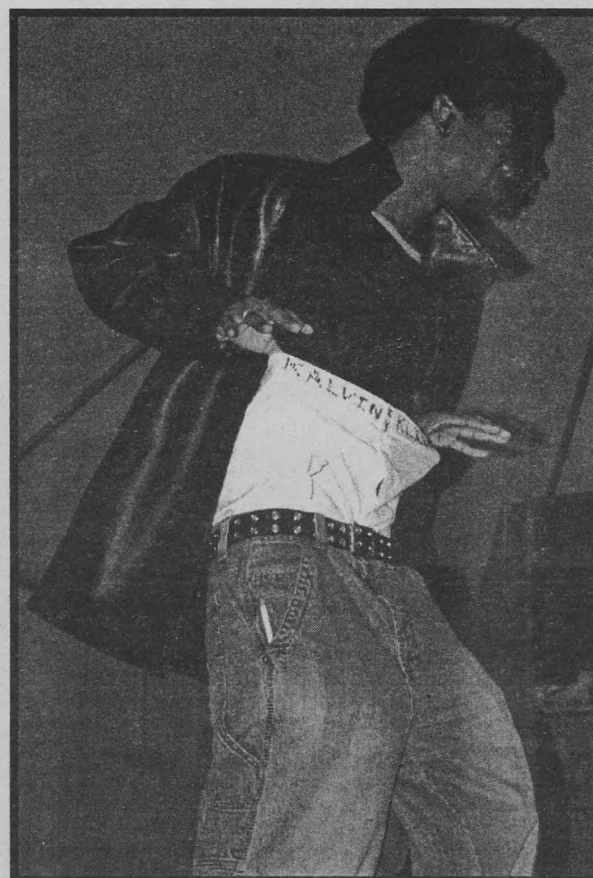


Photo by Kyle Smith

## Un-fashion Show

Freshman sociology major Johnathan Meade models mock fashion "Kalin Klimb" underwear at the Unfashion Show last Thursday. The event was part of the Earth Day Celebration and was intended to promote awareness of unethical business practices of major name brands.



# Top Ten: *Forgotten TV*

Megan Peter  
Staff Writer

**1. Punky Brewster:** So maybe I am little biased by making it my number one choice because the star of the show, Soleil Moon Frye, was born in my hometown. Or maybe it is just because it was a really great show. Here is a show that gave girls across the nation a great fashion sense and the confidence to do their own thing. I mean, in the first episode Punky talks her way into the dugout of the Chicago Cubs when she and her friend Henry bought bad tickets to the game from a scalper. How much cooler can one girl be?

**2. Ghostwriter:** A group of kids solving neighborhood crimes and mysteries with the help of a mysterious, “ghostly” ball of light. Everyone always had their pen around their neck with their notebook of clues, and whenever someone needed help, all they had to do was write RALLY – insert first letter of the first name of whoever needed help – and the whole gang would come to the rescue. The only thing that always bothered me is that a story wasn’t solved until three or four episodes later.

**3. Salute Your Shorts:** “We run, we jump, we swim and play...” Even though the show was only around for a little bit, it had an impact on my childhood. Remember Donkey Lips and awful waffles? This was the typical boys versus girls plot line and some sort of trouble always ensued. Corny? Yes. Memorable? Most definitely.

**4. The Adventures of Pete and Pete:** This show was a little off, but that was its charm. Two brothers named Pete, the older one a little wiser than the younger. But, what other show would have Artie the superhero, Iggy

Pop as the father, or a 12 - year - old with a tattoo of a lady on his arm that danced when he moved it?

**5. Out of This World:** Evie is the daughter of Troy, an alien, and Donna, a human. The mix of the two parents created a daughter that had super powers. By bringing her two pointer fingers together she could stop time, which in the hands of a 16 – year – old always led to trouble. Once she stopped time to have more time to finish her midterm. Another time she stopped time to be able to hit a home run in softball. But I think the best part of the show, besides her cool furniture, was that Steve Burton, who is now Jason on General Hospital, played her airhead boyfriend.

**6. Hey Dude:** The show that launched Christine Taylor’s career was about a group of teens who worked on the family owned ranch. There were not only the mini conflicts, like Brad – a girl, who had the unfortunate luck of being named Bradley – always turning down Ted for date. There was also the rivaling ranch that would try to talk away the Bar None’s customers. This obviously meant the trading of jokes and pranks that ended up with someone’s foot stuck in a bucket or water dumped on someone’s head.

**7. MMC (The new Mickey Mouse Club):** Yeah, sure everyone remembers that it’s the show where Justin Timberlake and Britney Spears started. But do you remember Keri Russell or Ryan Gosling? Or the sketch about how the backpack was invented when a boy had to hold his sister’s purse and in order to save himself from being teased, he made it into a backpack. But my favorite part was the series within the show, “Emerald Cove” because it was so dramatic. And who can forget the singing of fake hit pop songs? It

# Pot & Brownies Event

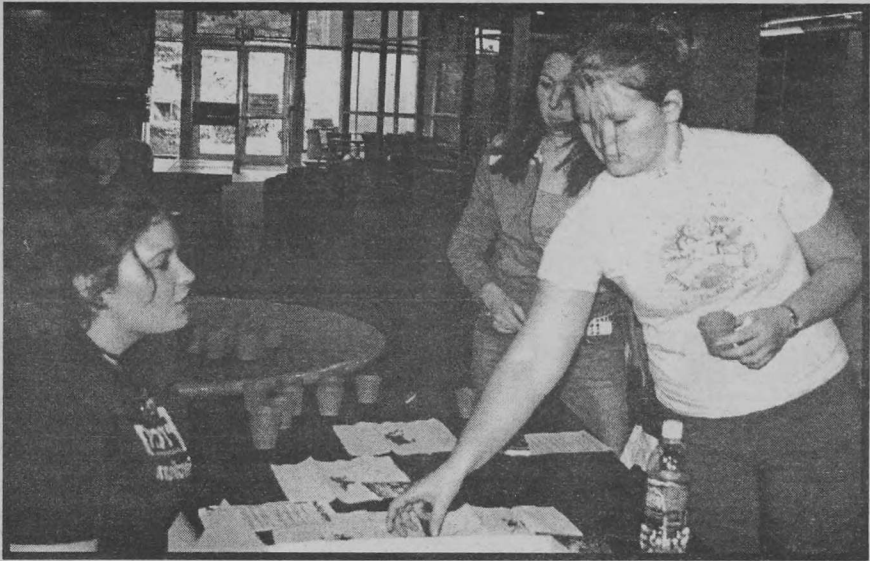


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**Junior English Major Rebecca Reynolds plants a flower at Champion Hall Council’s “Pot and Brownies” activity on Apr. 20. Sophomore Drama Major and Champion Hall Council member Bronwyn Watson, left, helps run the activity in the Champion lobby. Students could come by to pot a plant, eat a brownie and pick up a drug awareness sheet.**

was still ok, because now some of the cast members are real pop stars.

**8. Kids Incorporated:** I personally loved this show, it was sort of like a mini-musical. The kids would sing as a group when they were happy or if an individual was sad, they would walk slowly and sing about their woes. Various stars got their start on the show, like Jennifer Love Hewitt, Mario Lopez and Fergie from the Black Eyed Peas.

**9. Land of the Lost:** A father and his son and daughter get caught in an earthquake that transports them into a prehistoric land. Soon they befriend a cave man, a jungle woman who was raised there since she was a little

girl and then a little dinosaur named Tasha. Of course there is a constant fear that the T-Rex will attack them and questions like how will they ever live without the modern amenities that they were used to and will they ever get back home? Too bad I can’t remember the answer to the last one. I think the show ended before it could ever be answered.

**10. Roundhouse:** Nickelodeon’s own sketch comedy, the kids answer to Saturday Night Live before “All That” came about. A sketch that stands out in my mind is the dad who would never leave his lazy boy chair and yelled at the kids to get things for him. There, of course, was also dancing and singing, a great combination for any television show.

# The Secret of Energy Drinks - *Revealed!*

Julian Hunt  
Staff Writer

So Red Bull gives you wings, but will it keep you awake and tuned-up enough during your midterms, or worse, finals?

It’s hard to miss the connection between the Red Bull slogan and what energy drinks do to your body – namely, get you high. It’s no wonder they’ve become so popular. In recent years, energy drinks have taken over bottled water as the fastest growing beverage industry. This means there are lots of choices,

and deciding on which boost-in-a-can your \$2.50 is going to, could be the most important decision of your day.

For this consumer report, I drank lethal amounts of the most popular energy drinks – Red Bull, SoBe Adrenaline, and Jones Whoop Ass, as well as the less popular Hansen’s Energy. All of these energy drinks contain caffeine and some form of sugar, but the amounts vary as do the other active ingredients like amino acids, antioxidants and B vitamins.

SoBe Adrenaline Rush is the chief chemical cocktail with roughly 17 active ingredi-

ents. In addition to the 79 mgs of caffeine – roughly the equivalent of a cup of brewed coffee – it also contains 50 mgs of guarana, an herbal form of caffeine. While this energy drink is sure to keep you inebriated, you’ll also find yourself in the bathroom every 15 minutes.

Another benefit of Adrenaline Rush is the 1000 mgs of taurine; an amino acid that’s believed to be a neurotransmitter in the central nervous system, making it ideal for mental activities like writing papers or taking tests. But with such a large dose of taurine and caffeine, Adrenaline Rush would be a poor candidate for physical activities like working long shifts, as its effects wear off quickly and it leads to more dehydration than other energy drinks.

Whoop Ass, while my personal favorite, contains high levels of caffeine and guarana as well, but contains fewer ingredients than Adrenaline Rush. The drink also balances the short stimulant effects of caffeine with the longer lasting effects of other stimulants.

One stimulant that lasts when the caffeine wears off is vitamin B – niacin or riboflavin, common elements in energy drinks, are just forms of vitamin B. This drink will keep you juiced-up for longer and decrease the severity of your crash.

Hansen’s Energy tastes great because of the sugar and contains ginkgo biloba, an antioxidant that increases metabolism. Some studies

show that ginkgo increases focus, and one study in particular concluded that it increased productivity in people with Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder.

Red Bull, by far the most popular energy drink, contains the least amount of active ingredients. However, it does have stimulants like taurine, inositol and vitamin B, which in my own judgment, are the most powerful of the other stimulants anyway. As the least diuretic of the four energy drinks, Red Bull is likely the best for physical activities like exercise – but not if you’re running a marathon – and working long shifts.

For long workouts or sport’s competitions, minimal energy drinks with little else but Vitamin B are probably most effective. Such drinks include Vitamin Water and XS.

Although all the energy drinks have proper stimulating power, some are better suited for certain activities. For acing an hour long final, I suggest SoBe Adrenaline Rush. For more physical energy with less mental buzz, I suggest Whoop Ass. For a more mild physical rush but heightened sense of focus, I suggest Hansen’s Energy for writing papers or doing any activity that requires you to sit in one place for long periods of time.

The most copasetic drink in all areas goes to Red Bull, as it provides maximum stimulation in mental and physical activities without going overboard on any ingredients that might cause you to twitch uncontrollably.

# Amnesty Film Festival

*This weekend, Apr. 29 - May 1, SU Amnesty International is hosting it's annual Film and Art Festival.*

Apr. 29, Friday

**2 Films\*** 5:30 Darfur: Peace under Fire  
6:30 Palestine

**Benefit show in the Bistro with:**

8:00 Spoken Word  
8:45 Colt  
9:30 Love in shadows  
10:15 Man Plus  
11:00 Cancer Rising

*\*All films are screened in Wyckoff Auditorium*

Apr. 30, Saturday

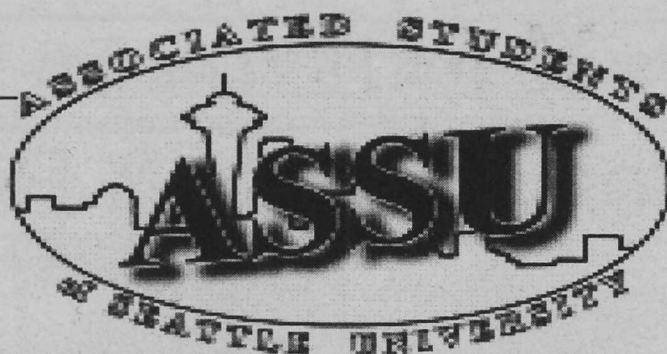
**4 Films \***  
1:00 The Cambodia Trust  
2:00 Arms for the Poor  
3:00 Urban Warrior  
4:00 A Great Wonder:  
The Lost Children of Sudan

**Art Gala @ Casey Atrium** with art from Megan Meyers, Art for Resistance artists, Greg, Eric Olson, Paul Tomas, Lynn S., photography from Palestine

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- \* A POETRY READING BY SU'S PROFESSOR GUTIERREZ Y MUHS (MAY 2)
- \* EXPLORATION OF CHICANO ART & CULTURE (MAY 4)
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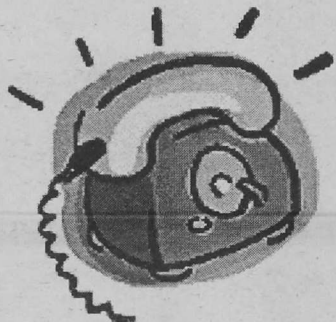
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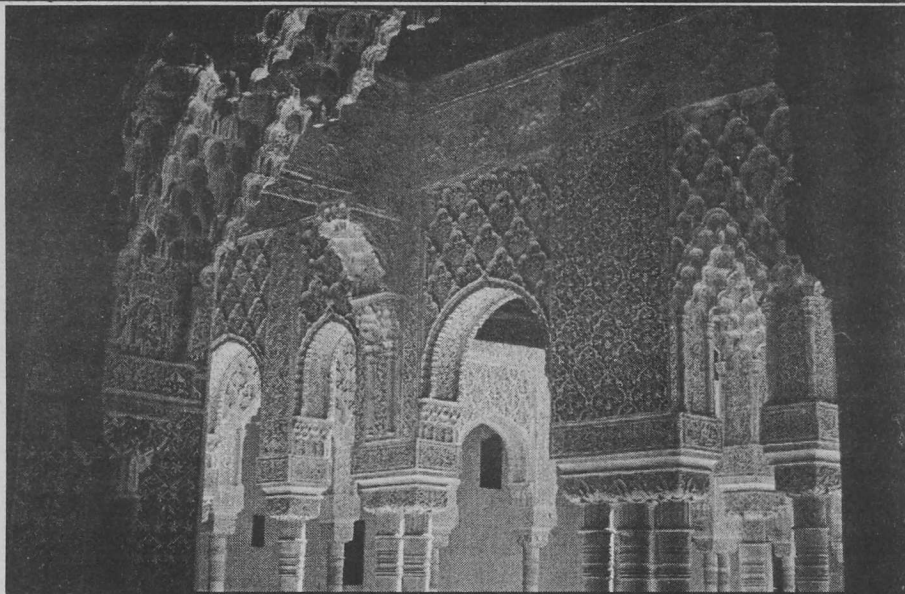
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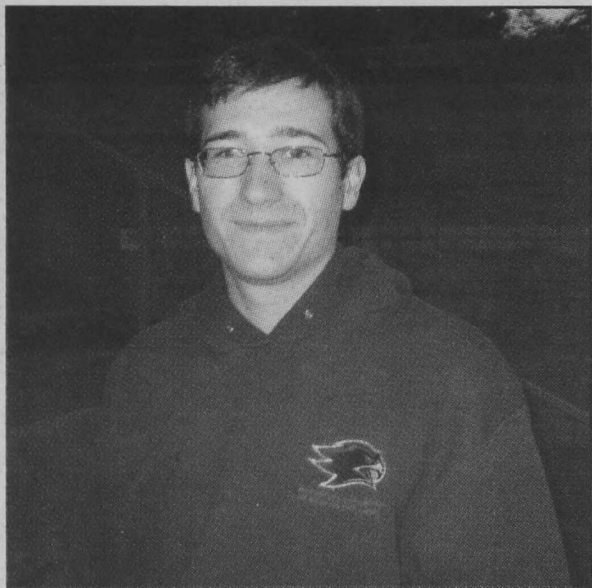
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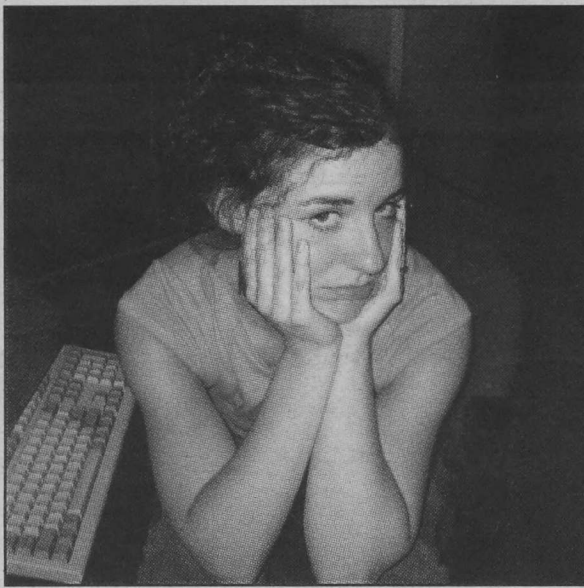
by Greg Boudreau

*What qualities do you look for in roommates?*



*"Similiar sleep schedules! And no snorers. Dear God, no snorers!"*

**Ben Murane,**  
Senior, Business Economics



*"I'd take anything that breathes..."*

**Terra Townsend,**  
Junior, Criminal Justice



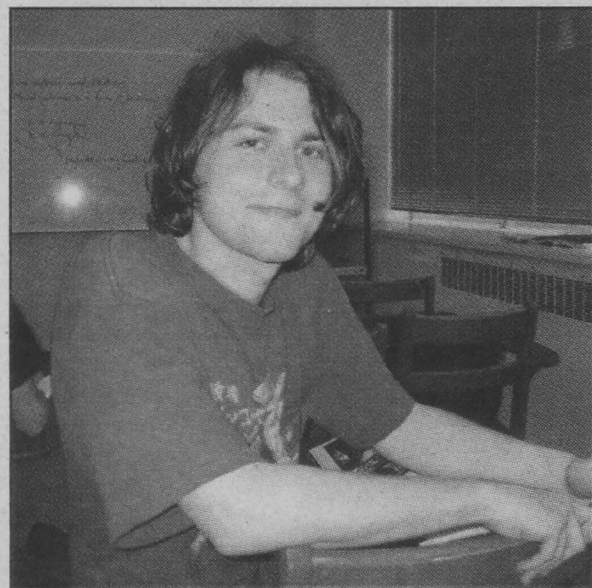
*"I can't say that because my roommate reads the paper."*

**Tiffany Anderson,**  
Senior, Creative Writing



*"Homies who like hardcore music, making jello, and laughing..."*

**Rachel Kallander,**  
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*"Someone who is morally just and I must love them."*

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